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The 'hidden harm' of our children left struggling in poverty

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THOUSANDS of poverty-stricken children living in our county are from working families "too proud" to ask for help, we can reveal.

Shocking findings show more than half of the 56,000 children – 18 per cent of the young population – living in poverty in Kent are from households where one parent, or sometimes both, is working.

It challenges the perception that deprivation is mostly found in families living off the welfare state with parents who have never worked.

Instead, many of these struggling families are trying to juggle low incomes with childcare costs, forcing, in many cases, one of the parents to remain out of work to care for the children.

Jenny Whittle, cabinet member for specialist children's services at Kent County Council – which has just released its draft child poverty strategy – said it was a "hidden harm".

She told KoS: "Over half of deprived families have one parent working. It's not just about worklessness, it's much more complex."

Poverty is defined by families whose income, after tax, is less than 60 per cent of the average household income.

Adds Cllr Whittle: "There are families on this threshold, or just above, who really need support.

"There's a great sense of pride in this country, particularly people just above that 60 per cent mark. They feel a sense of shame to admit they are struggling to

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MOVIE: Kent-born actress Naomi Watts is Princess Diana in new movie – **SEE INSIDE**

CHARITY

Great Escape rides again

A FORMER police officer from Rochester is behind a two-week motorbike tour of European battlefields to mark the 50th anniversary of movie classic the Great Escape.

They'll set off on their jaunt next weekend – three of them on replicas of the bike ridden by Steve McQueen. **PAGE 3**

HISTORY

Old photos of a bygone era

INSIDE we showcase just a small selection of a remarkable array of historic never-before-seen photographs of Kent, ahead of the launch of a major exhibition next month.

What's more, you may be able to help identify the people and scenes captured.

Full details inside. **PAGE 11**

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Tracey Crouch on life as an MP

IN A special in-depth interview with one of the county's rising political figures, we speak to Tracey Crouch about her short career in Westminister so far and how she copes with being called "a rebel".

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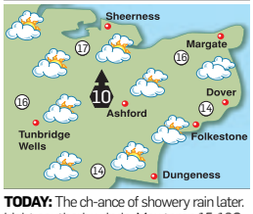

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POVERTY

'Significant deprivation' hidden by image of county's affluence

STRUGGLE: Thousands of children are living in poverty in Kent's deprived areas

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make ends meet."

She stressed it was usually the families who need the most help who are least likely to ask.

She added: "There's a lot of outreach work that goes on. We have to actively seek out these people.

"We work closely with schools and voluntary organisations, such as Fusion Healthy Living in Maidstone, to access and then support them.

"Schools are geared up for this – in many cases they offer a kind of sanctuary. They run breakfast clubs, children can get meals there."

Cllr Whittle said there was a misconception that Kent was affluent when in fact poverty was easily found, particularly in the coastal towns.

"People have a perception of the Garden of England with its castles and green areas, when actually there is significant deprivation."

And while she said that many of the deprived households had working parents, she admitted there were families where two or three generations hadn't ever worked.

She said KCC also helped a high proportion of domestic violence victims who had previously been unable to leave their attackers due to lack of funds and support.

"Children centres are crucial – many offer parenting classes, equipping parents with basic skills to make sure their children are ready to go to school, making sure they are toilet trained, that they can hold a knife and fork.

"We try to get them involved in their child's education, for example, reading to them at night – we're trying to stop that cycle of perpetual destitution.

"The first five years of a child's life determines how they end up in adult life."

She said supporting parents in getting back to work was vital.

"The first aim is to eliminate destitution – working to support family stability by up-skilling them and helping them to access affordable childcare.

"In some cases some of these people have very low levels of literacy and numeracy. A lot of it is to do with self-esteem and we've got to tackle that.

"It's good for children to see their parents have confidence."

Tim Nichols, spokesman for charity Child Poverty Action Group, said KCC's strategy was "comprehensive" but there was room for improvement, including becoming a living wage employer – a swollen minimum wage which is determined by the cost of living in the UK.

He added: "Even in the wealthiest wards, while child poverty rates may be as low as 5 per cent or less, it is important not to let those families become invisible and forgotten, especially as they can be more isolated from targeted services."

MP Laura Sandys represents South Thanet, one of the most deprived constituencies in the country.

She said the Government was working to eradicate child poverty by 2020.

She explained: "One of the ways the Government is seeking to help children in poverty is by investing in education, including the £2.5 billion for the pupil premium for disadvantaged pupils.

"I feel we should also be looking at issues around food, and with a rise in food banks, there are serious issues regarding food poverty.

"Nutrition and nutritional food need to be a higher priority for social services and the education system; we really need to reinvest in food skills, and I am pleased the Government is reforming primary school cooking education."

She said the Government was bringing in a number of changes to help pull families out of poverty, including the rise of the tax threshold.

She added: "To help parents work and balance childcare, the Government is also investing in more nursery and pre-school provision, which includes 15 hours a week of free childcare for 260,000 disadvantaged two-year-olds."

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ENTERTAINMENT

See Naomi as Princess Diana

MOVIE audiences have had their first glimpse of Academy Award-nominated Kent actress Naomi Watts' portrayal of Princess Diana on the silver screen.

The star, who was born and spent her childhood in Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, takes on the role of the tragic People's Princess in the movie Diana.

It follows a string of blockbuster movies she has starred in, which includes King Kong and last year's The Impossible, which earned her an Oscar nomination for best actress.

Diana will go on general release in September - some 16 years after Princess Di was killed in a high-speed car crash in a Paris underpass.

The film will focus on Diana's relationship with Dr Hasnat Kahn from 1995 until a few months before her death in Paris in 1997. It is claimed he was the love of her life – but the relationship broke down and she instead starting dating Dodi Al Fayed, who also died on that fateful night.

Dr Kahn is portrayed by Naveen Andrews – most famous for his performance in hit TV series Lost.

The film has been written by Stephen Jeffreys, who was also behind 2004 Johnny Depp movie, The Libertine.

TELEVISION

I'm not after fame, says musician who threw eggs at Simon Cowell

By Chris Murphy
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A MUSICIAN who pelted music mogul Simon Cowell with eggs during the live final of TV show Britain's Got Talent remained unrepetent this week at attacking the star.

But she did apologise to anyone offended by the stunt – and offered to pay for Mr Cowell's dry cleaning.

Natalie Holt, 30, grew up in Kent and attended Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone before moving to London to pursue a career as a professional viola player. Her parents still live nearby.

Hired to provide support to two finalists in this year's show last Saturday, she interrupted their performance by walking to the front of the stage and pelting a surprised Mr Cowell.

She was quickly intercepted by security, who dragged her off.

She claimed it was as a protest at musicians having to mime on the show, and the power wielded over the entertainment industry by Mr Cowell.

Writing in the Guardian, she said: "I was planning to do it once the song finished, but I got a bit nervous and went slightly early. I sincerely apologise for overshadowing their moment and to anyone watching and in the live audience who felt that their evening's entertainment was marred, or even ruined.

"However, I am not sorry for pelting Simon Cowell with eggs.

"I have no desire to be famous and I'm not an attention seeker. My actions were intended as a non-violent, egg-based protest because I think Cowell has too much power and influence in the entertainment industry. I also just wanted to make him look a bit silly. I hoped it would come across as a British panto-style jape, which might also generate some more serious debate.

"I have received many messages of support from well-known musicians who I've worked with in the past, who've contacted me privately, but who are unwilling to express their support publicly. Everyone is scared of standing up to people like Cowell. I don't dislike him personally; I just don't like what he represents."

Her parents admitted to being surprised but "couldn't see what the fuss was about".

HOUSING

Pickles to rule on plans

DEVELOPMENT proposals that include the building of more than 600 homes in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been backed by planners, but they could yet be scuppered.

Dover District Council approved the joint application by China Gateway International (CGI) for the scheme at Dover's Western Heights and nearby Farthingloe Valley this week.

However, communities minister Eric Pickles is to look at the proposals after pressure from campaigners and rule whether to call in the application or give it the green light.

RETAIL

Tesco gets go-ahead

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application to build a Tesco superstore on Margate seafront has been given the Government go-ahead.

Communities secretary Eric Pickles approved the application for the 82,000sq ft shopping outlet to be built right next to the landmark 1960s building, Arlington House.

Campaign group Friends of Arlington Margate has vowed to continue to fight the decision after winning a High Court case to open a judicial review into whether the environmental impact of the scheme was considered by Government officials.

HISTORY

Bikers celebrate The Great Escape

A GROUP of motorcycle enthusiasts are set to saddle up for a tour of Europe's historic battlefields to mark the 50th anniversary of the release of The Great Escape.

The brainchild of a former police officer from Rochester, the six riders will be driving through Kent en route to the Continent.

The two-week tour, which will see the bikers take in a variety of locations connected with the film, will be raising funds for military charity Afghan Heroes.

Those taking part will cruise along on replicas of the Triumph bike that actor Steve McQueen rode during the film's most famous sequence where he attempts to jump the barbed wire fence along the Swiss border. The tour includes a visit to Fussen in the Alps where it was filmed.

The mission is the brainchild of retired police officer Peter Spowage from Rochester.

He said: "Although the film is a firm favourite and familiar to many, it is based on real events which are less well known.

"Out of the 76 who escaped, three made it back, 23 were returned to POW camps and 50 airmen were murdered by the Gestapo after escaping."

After crossing the Channel at Dover, the riders head to Dunkirk and the battlefields of Arnhem before heading east to Berlin, Brandenburg and Poznan, where 48 of the airmen murdered by the Germans after escaping from Stalag Luft III are buried.

The Great Escape tour party rendezvous in Rochester next Saturday, June 22.

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CRIME

Crooks swipe 120ft of track from Mote Park's miniature train ride

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A POPULAR train ride at Maidstone's Mote Park has been hit by crooks after scrap metal thieves ripped up and stole over 100 feet of miniature train track.

The popular ride has been a favourite with children and adults for decades.

But it has become the latest victim of a crime-wave fuelled by a sharp rise in scrap metal prices and which has seen incidents across the county.

The Maidstone Model Engineering Society said they were "upset and horrified" to discover over 120 feet of the track had been pinched. A spokesman said: "Although of little value, there will be a lot of work required by the members, who are all volunteers, in replacing the stolen rails.

"We will aim to run some sort of train service giving rides on Sunday afternoon if we possibly can, as we do not want to disappoint anyone.

"We do not want to increase our fares but if anyone feels able to donate a little more for their ride this will help towards the obvious loss of revenue we will experience while unable to run properly.

"We will do our best to get back to normal as soon as we can. Please bear with us through this difficult period."

Police are investigating.

DEATH

Former mayor dies

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former Ashford mayor and long-time councillor who died last weekend.

Thomas Albert Richards served on Ashford Borough Council between 1973 and 1987, representing the Biddenden ward.

An active member of the council, he was mayor from 1985-86 and served on a number of committees.

He died last Saturday.

COURT

Catapult gang guilty

A CATAPULT gang went on a rampage over three months causing £40,000 worth of damage – but are now all facing a jail sentence after a court found them guilty.

Dean Kenny, 28, Richard Gaudoin, 25, and Ryan Burnside, 24, were found guilty of involvment in 123 drive-by incidents between August and October last year. Cars, properties, buses and homes were all targeted in and around Gravesend, Dartford and Swanley.

HISTORY

Bomber enjoys its salvage operation

£600,000 project to raise 'last' Dornier 17 will see

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IT had laid at the bottom of the English Channel after being shot down more than 70 years ago, and as it was hauled back to dry land for the first time since it set off on its fateful final journey, hundreds lined the harbour walls in Ramsgate to welcome it.

The Dornier 17 German bomber is believed to be the last of its kind in the world.

Blasted out of the sky in 1940 during a World War Two bombing raid, it has been submerged in 50ft of water close to the Goodwin Sands, off the coast of Deal, ever since.

But after weeks of aborted efforts, salvage experts finally raised the plane to the surface on Monday evening and on Tuesday it was towed slowly to shore.

After a brief stay at Ramsgate harbour, the relic was transported to the RAF Museum in Cosford in the West Midlands, which masterminded its recovery.

After extensive restoration and preservation work – which could last up to two years – it will form part of the museum's extensive collection of aircraft from the Nazi Luftwaffe.

The recovery project was not without problems though. The weather and choppy waters had made attempts to bring the bomber to the surface impossible and it was feared money was running out – putting the operation in doubt.

But after the plane emerged, the museum's David Keen hailed the £600,000 project "a triumph".

He said: "This operation has been delayed and we have had some quite severe setbacks which have really put us on edge. There comes a point when you have to ask how much longer you can wait for the weather to break and then, of course, there is the question of costs.

"This really was a last-gasp operation. Partly through the expense, but also because the next opportunity, what with tides and the weather forecast, would have been a long way off."

Over the next two years the museum's experts will use new pioneering conservation techniques to try to turn the wrecked aircraft back into the flying machine it would have resembled during the Battle of Britain.

The aircraft is made of aluminium which, after exposure for a long period to salt, rapidly disintegrates when it eventually comes into contact with the air.

To prevent this, scientists at Imperial College London developed a chemical mixture – a balance of citric acid, water and sodium hydroxide – with which to treat the plane once it finally emerged out of the sea.

They have built a spraying tunnel, made of polythene, within which the aircraft fuselage and wings will sit for the next one and a half to two years. The aircraft will be continuously sprayed from the tunnel's ceiling and floor.

Total restoration time is expected to be around four to five years.

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UPLIFTING: After weeks of aborted attempts due to bad weather, the German Dornier 17 was lifted from the Goodwin Sands where it had laid for 70 years after being shot down during a bombing raid in 1940. Now the restoration process will begin to return it to its former glory

day in the sun as recovers lost relic

pride of Luftwaffe find new home in RAF museum

HISTORY OF STRICKEN PLANE LOST FOR DECADES

RESEARCH by RAF historians has pieced together the final mission of the aircraft – identified as Dornier 17 Z-2 (above) of 7 Staffel III Gruppe/KG3 (7th squadron 3rd Group 3 Bomber Wing)

In the early morning of August 26, 1940, nine Dornier bombers took off from St Trond airfield in German-occupied Belgium to bomb key RAF bases in Kent and Essex. The Medway towns were believed to be a target.

But RAF Defiant fighters of 264 Squadron – operating from RAF Manston – were scrambled to intercept the attackers and the Dornier was attacked after it apparently became separated from the main formation.

The German bomber came under fire, first over Herne Bay, and finally crash-landed off the Kent coast. After hitting the water in an attempted controlled landing, it somersaulted and settled into the water on its back.

All four crew managed to leave the aircraft, but 27-year-old wireless operator Helmut Reinhardt and bomb aimer Heinz Huhn, 28, either drowned or were already dying from injuries. Their bodies were washed up on beaches in Holland and England, where they were buried in war cemeteries.

Pilot Willi Effmert, 24, and navigator Hermann Ritzel, 21, survived. They were rescued by the British and spent the rest of the conflict in prisoner-of-war camps in the UK and later in Canada.

The aircraft was discovered by an amateur diver named Bob Peacock in 2008, after shifting sands had partially uncovered its remains, and over several years the museum and scientists worked at finding ways it could be preserved.

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EMERGENCY

WASHED OUT: A passing lorry driver rasied the alarm after seeing Faversham Laundry Ltd on fire on Wednesday, leadng to the evacuation of local residents and causing major traffic jams during the rush hour

Early morning evacuations spark fire crews' 24-hour battle with laundry blaze

By Joe Bill
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AROUND 60 firefighters tackled a huge blaze at a commercial laundry in Faversham on Wednesday, with crews on-site for more than 24 hours.

The alarm was raised shortly before 4am by a passing lorry driver who saw flames at the Faversham Laundry Ltd site in Ashford Road.

Although Faversham fire station is just yards away and firefighting teams were on the scene in minutes, the blaze had already taken hold and began spreading towards nearby homes.

As residents were woken and evacuated, part of the busy A251 which links Faversham to the M2 was closed off – causing major traffic jams during the morning rush hour.

The road remained shut for almost 16 hours.

Sharon Austen, who lives in the house that backs on to the site, was woken by firefighters calling for her and her partner to evacuate the property.

As the fire spread the flames were just a path width apart from her home.

She told KoS: "If the wind had been blowing our way the flames could have got to our house – so we were lucky in that sense.

"We looked out of the window and the fire spread so quickly across the building. We were all asked to leave our houses at about 4am while the firefighters did their work.

"I grabbed the dog and our passports, got outside and hoped for the best."

Other nearby homeowners were told to keep their doors and windows closed as smoke polluted the area.

Remarkably, however, there were no reports of any injuries.

An investigation into the fire is under way.

• A 29-YEAR-OLD man from Ramsgate has been arrested on suspicion of arson in relation to the blaze. He has been bailed until July 31, pending further enquiries to establish the cause of the ignition.

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HEALTH

Life expectancy report shows Medway among the worst places in UK

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A NEW study has revealed a worrying postcode lottery for premature deaths with people in Medway more likely to die younger than in the rest of Kent.

The area was highlighted as one of the worst in the country for early deaths, particularly due to cancer.

Medway was also exposed as having a worse than average early death rate for heart disease and strokes, lung disease and liver disease.

The shocking findings by Public Health England in its Longer Lives report were released by health secretary Jeremy Hunt in a bid to raise public awareness and boost council and NHS action.

Under the new health reforms, public health is now also the responsibility of local authorities, working with the new clinical commissioning groups (CCG).

Using a traffic light rating system, areas were ranked showing those performing above average in tackling avoidable deaths as green, and exposing the regions seen as lagging behind and needing to do more as red.

The data compared mortality rates against those with similar populations, incomes and levels of health.

Kent fared well, showing itself to be among the best in the country with low premature death rates based on the size of its population.

But for health chiefs in Medway it was a very different matter.

Director of public health at Medway Council, Dr Alison Barnett, said the authority had taken on the remit of public health in April this year from the now-defunct primary care trust and stressed it was a "real opportunity" to effectively coordinate its work in improving the health of residents.

She added the figures covered 2009-2011.

Dr Barnett said: "While we recognise individuals need to take responsibility for their own choices about lifestyle, councils working with partners across the health services can help support people to make changes they want to make, and help create environments in which it is easier for people to make healthier choices.

"This in turn will help them to live longer lives.

"For example: Medway already has in place a Stop Smoking Service; the MEND programme to reduce obesity in children. and a 'Tipping the Balance' programme to improve diet and physical activity in adults.

"Since the council took on new responsibilities for public health in April, Medway has also put in place a Health and Wellbeing Board.

"The board has developed a joint health and wellbeing strategy which seeks to address premature mortality, improve health and reduce health inequalities."

She said the council already provides a "huge range of services" to improve health, including leisure and sports facilities, and children's and adult social services.

Chief knowledge officer at Public Health England, Professor John Newton, said: "Deaths in England under the age of 75 place us seventh out of 17 European countries for men, and 15th for women – and must improve.

"Longer Lives is an initiative presenting a clear picture of health in local areas – where it is good and bad – so everyone involved can consider and agree how to make improvements from a common basis of knowledge. The data is provided alongside evidence of what needs to be done as well as case studies and will increase in scope and richness."

PUBLIC HEALTH FIGURES FOR ENGLAND (2009-2011)

MEDWAY: (Population: 264,885)

Overall premature deaths: 2,305
(one of the worst at 80th out of 150 councils)
Early deaths from:
Cancer – 988 (one of the worst at 119th)
Heart disease and stroke – 544
(worse than average at 76th)
Lung disease – 213
(worse than average at 81st)
Liver disease – 114 (worse than average at 68th)

KENT: (Population: 1,466,466)

Overall premature deaths: 12,598
(one of the best at 53rd of 150 councils)
Early deaths from:
Cancer – 5,288 (one of the best at 60th)
Heart disease and stroke – 3,038
(one of the best at 51st)
Lung disease – 1,186
(better than average at 61st)
Liver disease – 541 (one of the best at 35th)

EDUCATION

Queen awards college principal with an OBE

PRINCIPAL of MidKent College, Stephen Grix, has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List.

The former bricklaying student who became college chief is to step down as principal at the end of the current academic year, but will continue as chief executive until 2015.

He received the award for his services to further education.

The father-of-three said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to have been awarded an OBE for doing a job I love and which I am extremely passionate about.

"I had a tough time at school and left at 15 with no formal qualifications, but thanks to further education I was able to build a career that eventually led me to where I am today.

"I hope my story demonstrates to young people that school is not the only option available to them. Many students are far more suited to the vocational style of learning that MidKent College can provide."

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HISTORY

Looking back through time

Can you help to identify any of the people and places behind some fascinating photographs of yesteryear?

By Chris Murphy
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AN INCREDIBLE archive of rare images capturing remarkable images of a bygone era in Kent is to go on display in Maidstone.

Before the exhibition, these astonishing glimpses into Kent's colourful past were all glass plate negatives, the sort produced by the world's first commercially available cameras.

The fragile negatives have been painstakingly scanned by members of the Kent Archaeological Society for its Visual Records Collection of Kent local history.

The images will be displayed at Maidstone Museum for next month's national Festival of Archaeology.

There is now a collection of literally thousands of photographic prints, negatives, glass plate slides, colour transparencies, postcards, drawings, paintings, engravings and lithographs, available. Some date from the early 18th century and run right up to the present day, enabling before and after comparisons.

MEMORIES: Clockwise from right: Blacksmith at Hucking; River life at Snodland; Westgate Towers, Canterbury; A view of the River Medway at Maidstone

Sadly the history of the actual photos themselves has been lost in the mists of time.

A spokesman for the group said: "Many of the pictures are of 'unknown provenance' and our volunteers are busy trying to find out who took them, when and in some cases where.

"Of course this is a task that can be made much simpler with some public help. We really welcome any form of feedback so we can establish who took these amazing shots and what was behind them."

Because there are so many snapshots of Kent's history, the members plan to run a rolling display of images in the society's library.

This will include those of hop-pickers, a dig at a prehistoric burial chamber, farming and rural life.

Pernille Richards, the KAS library

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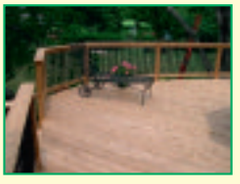

MEMORIES: Clockwise from left: Hop pickers; Westerham's Grasshopper Inn; The Leather Bottle pub; Margate beach

HISTORY

Photos capture the county through the years

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secretary said: "Our society was founded in 1857 and the emphasis of our displays is to show what we have done over the past 156 years to inspire people of all ages to become actively involved with Kent's local history and archaeology."

Also at the museum, members of KAS and Regia-Anglorum, the country's leading group of early medieval living history enthusiasts, is hosting a two-day outdoor event designed to illustrate the richness of the county's Saxon history.

A Saxon village will be recreated in the museum's public gardens, with displays of Saxon art, craft, cooking, music and weapons.

A freshly discovered Roman 'curse scroll' will be on show for the first time as well.

Made of lead, it bears the names of 14 people who may have lived in East Farleigh, nearly 2,000 years ago.

It was found about five years ago during Maidstone Area Archaeological Group's dig on the site of a Roman farmstead in a field off Lower Road.

Measuring 60mm by 100mm and only one millimetre thick, it is likely to be a 'curse tablet' the Romans used to cast spells on people accused of theft and other misdeeds and then hidden in graves, springs wells and other places considered close to the underworld.

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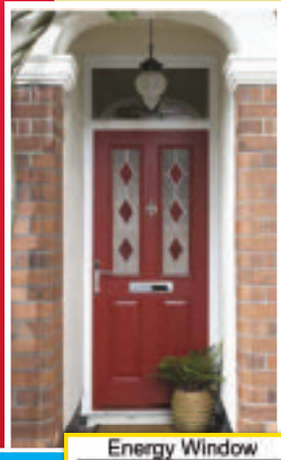

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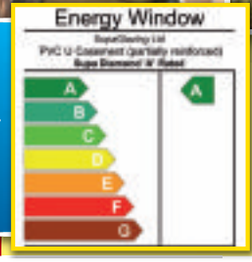

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PROFILE

Tracey Crouch on Europe, ministerial ambition and

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FROM the outside it looks much like any other of the many industrial estates nestled on the outskirts of Chatham.

Amid the wide functional buildings boasting security firms, plant hire companies and flooring specialists lurks a modern self-storage unit.

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It is an unconventional place to find the offices of an elected member of Parliament – but Tracey Crouch is far from a conventional Conservative.

She's the product of a broken home; her mother, a social worker, campaigned against the swingeing cuts imposed by Margaret Thatcher in the 80s.

She was schooled within the state system and is as much at home on the football pitch teaching or refereeing the beautiful game as she is debating the major issues on the green benches of the House of Commons chamber.

While describing her as a 'rebel' may be going too far, she has stood her ground on many key issues and voted against her party on some contentious issues, including the ever thorny topic of Europe and the past agonies of tuition fees.

And that's before we get on to the fact she's a woman still on the right side of 40.

"Sometimes you just have to stand firm on an issue," the MP for Chatham and Aylesford explains as we sit in her small, modern office. "It's painted as rebellion, but it's principled opposition that can lead to the party changing its view."

> **Europe is perceived as a threat to the leadership of the Conservatives and to the security of the party, but I don't see it like that.**
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> **I see it as politicians talking about the matters that affect people. Why shouldn't we talk about it?**
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> **When we have a referendum a lot of these issues will come out and we can have a sensible debate.**
>
> TRACEY CROUCH, ON EUROPE

It can come at a political price, however.

"You are aware of having a black mark against your name by rebelling," she admits. "You may not care about it, but you are aware.

"Do I care? To be honest, no, not at the moment. I've been in Westminster for three years and hopefully I'll have a long future there. But you have to remember who put you there.

"And if that means your ministerial career is thwarted at the first hurdle then so be it. That's not to say I don't want to be a minister at some point in the future, but just not now."

Elected in 2010 with a thumping majority, she replaced Labour's Jonathan Shaw (a man she describes as a "hard working, good MP") and entered the chamber as the Coalition era dawned.

Unlike many of the new Conservative in-take, Ms Crouch was no stranger to Westminster.

After leaving university, where she studied law in Hull, she worked for a number of MPs – among them Michael Howard.

It was the Folkestone and Hythe MP and former Tory leader who first sparked the political fire in the young Ms Crouch's belly after he visited her school in Folkestone as she studied politics for A-levels.

"I found him really interesting. I got in touch with him afterwards and he just said why don't I come along and get involved," she remembers.

After leaving Westminster to become a political consultant, she returned in 2003 as chief of staff to then shadow education secretary Damian Green and shortly afterwards to shadow home secretary David Davis.

"It makes you very aware of the pressures you are expected to face." she says.

"I think in that first year there were plenty of MPs who had no idea what was going on.

"The hours are long, you're taken from your home and family, it can be quite isolating, but if you have the right support team and become aware of yourself and what you can and can't do, then you can cope perfectly well with it.

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the women who inspired her

have to remember why you went into it.

"I still see my friends, go to the pub, run a football team. I have that sense of normality.

"It's like being a doctor at the dinner party – declare you're one and everyone is telling you about their ailments. Go to the pub and say you're an MP and people want to talk to you about politics. But it's a passion, and frankly the people in the pub pay your wage."

In person, the 37-year-old MP is easy company and it comes as no surprise when she says she is good pals with plenty of MPs from the other side of the chamber and is friendly with the likes of Ed Miliband and Ed Balls.

But her fundamental confidence in what she considers right and wrong is powerful and lurks just below the surface. Which seems the perfect moment to mention Europe.

"I'm Euro-sceptic but not anti-European," she explains. "I rebelled on the EU referendum because I thought we should have a referendum; we promised it in our manifesto. It may have been nuanced, but it was still a promise people understood. If politicians are going to regain the public's trust we need to keep our promises.

"So I supported the referendum which is now Conservative Party policy.

"Europe is perceived as a threat to the security of the party, but I don't see it like that. I see it as politicians talking about the matters that affect people. Why shouldn't we talk about it?

"When we have a referendum a lot of these issues will come out and I think we can have a sensible debate on the pros and cons of being part of the EU. I'd like to see some powers handed back, but we have to have a debate.

"I supported the motion to freeze the EU budget too. I found if hard to tell police officers, firefighters and nurses here we are slashing your budgets, freezing your pay and altering your pensions to reduce the deficit but giving more money to Europe. I didn't agree with that but as it happened that is now policy."

She quips: "So rather than a rebel I like to think of myself as a pioneer.

"It is important to make a stand. I do change my mind, however. For example, on the badger cull, I was originally in favour of it to protect our farmers. But I looked into the detail of the policy and the scientific evidence just didn't stack up. So I had a complete u-turn of opinion on it."

Media savvy and a big user of social media such as Twitter, her profile is certainly rising.

The big question remains whether her penchant for going against the party whips will keep her confined to the back benches.

"So far, so good" she reflects of her short career as an MP. "If I can keep looking in the mirror and feeling like I'm doing the best I can then I'll consider I'm doing a good job."

AT WORK: MP Tracey Crouch was no stranger to the corridors of power, having served for a number of senior Tories

ON HER POLITICAL ROOTS

My mother was a social worker and social services took a real hammering during the 80s so although she never really talked to me about her politics, I don't imagine, at that time, it was Conservative. She was on the Maggie Thatcher milk snatcher marches before I was born.

I joke that my Conservatism was an act of rebellion against my mother, who was hideously cool and the only way I could really annoy her was by becoming a Conservative.

But I think she's very proud of me.

My grandmother was a very strong character who divorced in the 60s, which was incredibly unusual at the time. She left her home in Lincolnshire to move to Kent and raised three children on her own.

My mother also divorced when I was young; everything was about providing for my sister and I. I keep in touch with my father, who still lives in Folkestone, and he has strong views.

My entire family is socially liberal minded. It brought a live and let live attitude to the family and that is something I still have and hopefully always will have.

But certainly my mother was more influential than she realises.

ON UKIP

Ukip are taking votes across the board by discussing topics on issues people care about which we're not talking about in Parliament, like immigration.

Ironically, their views on immigration are almost identical to that of the Conservative Party.

I hope those Tory voters who switched return. It would be ironic if the only party that's promised a referendum – the thing Ukip calls for – does not have a majority in Westminster because they have split the vote.

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Jail for child images

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COMMENT

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers show true commitment to vital role

Police and Crime Commissioner **Ann Barnes** pays tribute to those unseen people who help to watch over our streets and vows to improve relations with police

MY role is much broader than the one often focused on by the media of setting policing priorities and holding the force to account.

In addition to these enormous responsibilities, I have a wide-ranging remit to support groups active across areas of community safety, crime prevention and the criminal justice system.

Last week, I started to look at focusing on the area of Neighbourhood Watch.

You've probably seen the signs on the lampposts – Thieves Beware, Neighbourhood Watch Area. The signs are almost part of the 'landscape' in so many of our communities.

It's widely known that NHW are volunteers who cooperate with each other and the police to try and increase the safety of our neighbourhoods. But I wanted to take a in-depth look at NHW in our county by meeting the people, listening to their problems and their ideas.

To that end, I convened a summit of NHW members from across Kent in Maidstone last week. What an uplifting experience this was.

True, there were many concerns. But on the positive side, ideas poured out. What shone through was the absolute commitment of the people in the room to make their communities safer.

Coming so soon after Volunteers Week, and just before Neighbourhood Watch Week, it really brought home to me just what a vital role the people behind NHW were playing.

The main concerns expressed were the need for the various NHW groups to have a greater awareness of what other NHW groups were doing and for an even greater level of communication with Kent Police.

On the former, people were unsure about who was involved with NHW across the county.

On the latter, there was great appreciation of the pressure the force was under due to Government cuts to funding, but many people asked if they could get improved feedback on how information they have passed on might have helped police catch offenders or prevent crime.

As commissioner, I am pledging to work with NHW and the force to try and address as many of the concerns raised as possible at the event.

It's not my role to 'run' Neighbourhood Watch, but it is my role to use my position to bring people and resources together to help improve its effectiveness.

I will be progressing this in the coming weeks. For now though, I will do two things.

The first is to thank every one of our Kent NHW volunteers. The second is to ask anyone out there who isn't currently involved to come forward and volunteer: just visit www.kent-pcc.gov.uk to find out how you can join your local scheme.

Best wishes,
Ann

your Kent Police and Crime Commissioner

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COURT

Shop crash case

A 21-year-old will appear in court in August following a smash on the Medway City Estate in February which saw a car crash into a shop.

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ANIMALS

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They will get to look after the dog for a few days or a couple of weeks – with each family careful matched to the needs of the individual animal.

Sally Hall, who runs the local branch of Barking Mad, covering Maidstone, Medway and Sittingbourne, explained: "We are all about enjoying all the good bits of having a dog around the house – without the long-term commitment.

"The dogs we place in family homes enjoy lots of play and fun and provide their host families with a reason to get out and about to explore the county.

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COMPETITION

Names are a winner

LITTLE George Miles last weekend came face-to-face with the two Nubian goats he named, after taking part in our competition.

The seven-year-old from Petts Wood took part in the contest organised by KoS in conjunction with the Kent Life rural heritage attraction in Cobham.

He suggested the names Beano and Dandy – and chiefs at the park picked them from more than 50 entries.

A spokesman for the venue said: "George visited Kent Life with his family, mum and dad Sarah and Richard Miles and sisters Charlotte, aged nine, and Isabelle, aged four.

"There were several suggestions that the Kent Life team liked but George's were voted the best."

Kent Life is sending out free entry vouchers to all the children who took part and suggested names.

As the winner, George receives a free family annual membership pass and adoption of the baby goats for one year.

DRUGS

Cops continue crackdown

POLICE armed with a sniffer dog launched a drugs crackdown in Maidstone town centre recently - with 20 revellers stopped and searched.

One man, 23, was arrested in the Market Buildings on suspicion of possession of a Class A substance.

A search of his house uncovered around £9,000 in cash, which was seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Another man was issued with a cannabis warning for a first offence of possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Sgt Andy Miller said: "We will continue to run these operations, in partnership with our dog unit and the Special Constabulary."

CRIME

£500,000 of drugs found

MORE than 1,250 cannabis plants worth around £500,000 have been uncovered in police raids in Medway.

Officers carried out a search at a disused fish and chip shop in Luton Road and found more than 450 cannabis plants, together with a hydroponics set-up for production.

The plants, which were seized and destroyed, were believed to be worth about £180,000 for a single crop.

It followed the recovery of more than 800 plants, worth an estimated street value of £320,000 for one crop, at a disused social club in Stoke Road last month, which is thought to be one of the largest hauls of the drug in Kent.

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DISCOVERY: The jail and dungeon found in Faversham is believed to date back to the 14th century

The dungeon and jail beneath town's feet

By Chris Britcher
chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

AS WORKERS from a local water company started work on installing a new water main in the heart of Faversham, they can have had little idea as to what they were about to discover.

The market town's history is well known to be rich and deep - there is clear evidence of Roman and Saxon settlements in and around the local area - and since the 13th century records on the town have been well maintained.

The town, you may have thought in the 21st century, has surely given up all its secrets?

But as the contractors dug down in Middle Row - their mission to replace a pipe which had burst on a number of recent occasions - they found themselves unearthing the remains of a forgotten part of the town's history.

With a team of archaeologists working alongside the construction team - just in case they were to stumble across remains of interest - it quickly became apparent the streets of Faversham had more to yield.

Initially, they discovered a thick curved wall which signalled the possible foundations of a religious building; however it has now been revealed that the wall formed part of the medieval town jail and dungeon.

Archaeologist Tim Allen, from Kent Archaeological Projects, explained: "In my entire career I've never found a dungeon before, so this is a really rare discovery which we estimate dates back to the 14th century.

MYSTERY: Town continues to give up its historic secrets

"The site is beneath where the town's second Guildhall stood that was built during the mid-16th century.

"However, use of this Guildhall was short lived, as you can imagine the noise and smell coming from the dungeon meant this wouldn't have been a pleasant place to work.

"It was then, in the early 17th century, that local dignitaries turned the existing and iconic market hall building within Market Place into the current Guildhall."

James Smith, South East Water's delivery manager, added: "This exciting piece of history emerged during careful archaeological surveys carried out during the excavation work prior to laying the pipe.

"As there is a lot of heritage in Faversham we took the extra precaution of having archaeologists working alongside our contractor so when they spotted this curved wall they were able to halt work and carry out further investigations.

"This has meant we've been able to protect and record this piece of local history."

Work to install the new water main in Middle Row began at the end of May and is due to be complete by the tail-end of July.

For now though it simply forms another part of Faversham's rich historic tapestry - weaved courtesy of the town's geographical position.

It benefited from a high quality soil which attracted settlers and was at the head of a navigable creek, which helped nourish the land and create such fertile land.

There was a supply of pure spring water - one of the main attractions for the creation of the Shepherd Neame brewery - and the dry, temperate climate proved ideal for grazing and growing crops.

With the Thames Estuary on its doorstep, offering easy access by water to mainland Europe and London, it is little wonder settlements have flocked to the town for so many hundreds of years.

Over the years, in addition to beer-making, major industry such as boat-making and brick-making became backbones to the town's economy. It was also the location of gunpowder factories.

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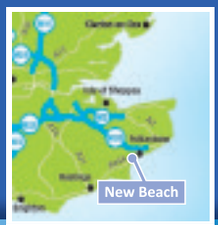

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OPINION

Immigration is a distraction

Green MEP for the south east, **Keith Taylor,** urges us to not let the Government distract us by blaming immigrants for our problems

THE last few months have seen each of the big three Westminster parties attempting to out-Farage each other in their rhetoric on immigration.

Ukip's message on immigration manages to be as simple as it is inaccurate: Immigrants are the problem, they say, and the near-total shutdown of our borders (at least temporarily) must be the solution.

Politicians from the big three parties, including MPs representing constituencies in Kent, are supporting Ukip in their mission to blame immigrants for the UK's problems.

These problems are real: For a start there is a chronic lack of truly affordable housing, especially here in the south east.

Many people linger for years on housing waiting lists while others are forced onto the overpriced rental market. But, according to David Aaronovitch of The Times, only 11 per cent of new migrants have been allocated social housing, compared with 17 per cent of UK-born residents in this sector.

With nine out of 10 new migrants not moving into social housing, governments can't seriously blame immigration for our housing crisis.

Then there are the huge worries people have about jobs. We have over 2.5 million people unemployed in the UK and one in five young people are out of work. But this isn't because all of the jobs are going to immigrants. In fact the Office for National Statistics notes just one in 10 new jobs goes to a migrant.

With wages in the south east stagnating in real terms over the last decade it's no wonder many people are concerned that immigrants are undercutting their pay. The truth is that immigration can put downward pressure on the wages of the lowest paid (though average wages actually benefit from immigration) but this can be rectified with properly enforced minimum wage standards that ensure companies actually pay all of their workers enough to get by on.

And, with the Tories freezing some benefits, forcing people from their homes with the bedroom tax and waging a verbal war on those relying on social security, it's no wonder there are concerns about non-UK citizens abusing the remnants of the welfare system this Government is so intent on dismantling.

But blaming immigrants for sponging off the state belies the fact they are less than half as likely to claim working age benefits as those born in the UK.

It's unsurprising that a political party led by Nigel Farage – a former commodities trader – is far quicker to blame immigrants for the problems we face than it is to point a finger at those in the City of London who actually caused the financial crisis.

Migrants are less than half as likely to claim benefits as those born in the UK

Indeed, when people are struggling to pay the rent and jobs are scarce it's hugely convenient for the Government to divert our eyes towards a foreign threat.

We should be angry, but not at immigration. We should be fuming at successive governments who haven't ensured we have decent homes or jobs that pay enough to live on. We should be raging against tax cuts for top paid executives while cuts to social care strip away the services which our parents and grandparents relied on.

Immigrants have brought so much to the UK and will continue to do so. Let's not let the Government get away with distracting us by talking up the dangers of immigration, it'll only let them off the hook for the mess they're making.

KOS COMMENT

Disgrace of a single child living in poverty

THE fact that in this affluent county of ours there are some 56,000 children classed as living in poverty, should act as a wake-up call to us all.

Especially when many of them are part of hard-working families who struggle to keep their heads above water and are too proud to ask for help.

It is far too easy to offer a knee-jerk reaction to poverty and assume it is the result of a lack of work ethic or effort.

And that reaction can reinforce damaging, lazy, unfair, stereotypes and label people for years to come.

We should all think long and hard about our perceptions of those whose children are below the poverty line; it is by not doing so that many decide to struggle rather than seek support.

Picture perfect Diana

THERE can be few movie roles more intimidating than portraying Princess Diana – but Naomi Watts is doing just that.

Diana was a woman so many felt an affinity with and attachment to.

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Ploughing the right furrow

I MUST applaud Hadlow College for its free school concept.

In this era of growing concerns over horticulture and agriculture in the county, and how and where we recruit people to work the land, it is refreshing to see someone doing something about it rather than simply shrugging their shoulders.

Dan Needham, Rainham

Workshy Brits no work ethic

A RECURRING theme when tackling the issue as to why farms and fruit growers recruit migrant workers is the refrain they only offer jobs to those from abroad and not the UK.

I suggest this is far from the truth.

The reality is there is no work ethic among many youngsters or our long-term unemployed.

Rather than simply work in the fields, in what is a demanding and physically draining job, knowing they are contributing to society and earning an honest wage, plenty of Brits would rather sit at home, claim benefits and watch TV, while complaining about people 'coming over here and stealing our jobs'.

The jobs are there – the only reason a foreign workforce is employed is because British people are too lazy to apply.

K Long, Tonbridge

Force has lost pride in itself

BRITISH policing used to be respected globally for being second to none in traditional appearance, attitude and overall professionalism when carrying out its fundamental purpose of preserving the Queen's peace and protecting life and property.

Readers might recall the prototype for an American-style all black police uniform was worn by some Kent Police officers in the centre of Canterbury for press and public evaluation several years ago, complete with hexagonal peaked cap with Kent Police badge and black and white chequered hat band.

A step too far, as now with casual military-style T-shirts.

This is Canterbury, not downtown Baghdad!

It makes retired police officers, with whom I had the pleasure to work with up to 1986, appalled at what policing has become.

The Dixon of Dock Green resident beat policing model is needed more now than ever with its traditional smart uniform authority. Resident police beats need experienced constables, not police and community support officers.

Police officers have the option to wear a white shirt and tie on patrol; the fact most do not reflects an unacceptable attitude.

I would like to see the return of a city police force which looks after the streets of Canterbury more closely and wears a traditional uniform, similar to that of the City of London police, with gold coloured insignia.

Richard West, Canterbury,

Living wage a step to living

GOVERNMENT policies have led to more than one in four children living in poverty.

Kent Green Party supports a living wage as a response to the declining incomes of the poorest fifth of households.

Kent Greens want all employers to pay a minimum wage of £7.45 per hour.

Kent County Council is one of the worst offenders, paying more than 1,200 staff less than the living wage of £7.45 per hour.

A living wage is based on the principle of being set and maintained at 60 per cent of net national average earnings.

This policy would reduce benefits going to poor families with at least one earner, and means more money would go into local economies.

We want councils to lead a campaign by adopting living wage policies themselves and strongly encouraging employers to do the same.

We recognise that austerity policies have had more impact on women than men and a living wage can contribute to changing this.

A living wage should be an essential element of the forward planning of our local councils and all other Kent employers.

Green parties throughout the country have joined in campaigns for a living wage, and London Mayor Boris Johnson is a leading supporter.

Stuart Jeffery, Kent Green Party

Tale rekindles seaside treat

AFTER reading your article about Ramsgate in the 1950s, it brought back many memories.

I was six when the Seond World War started and lived in Bermondsey during the Blitz.

When the war ended, my mum and dad and I went to Ramsgate for our first holiday.

I had never seen the seaside.

The sun shone everyday and we would go opposite the beach to a lovely entertainment hall where we would stay until late.

I can still remember the music – wonderful memories.

I have got photos taken on the beach and it was crowded; no going abroad then.

There was a little train opposite the beach where I used to have a ride through the cliff, showing murals of different countries.

It was magical.

I never thought then I would be living a few miles from Ramsgate – although a bit different now, isn't it?

But I still like Ramsgate and visit often.

J Atkins, Minster

Do you recall city bombing?

ON the night of June 2, 1942, the lives of so many of us were changed by the historic air raid on Canterbury.

I remember it well – I was 12 years old at the time.

The overall memory was the smell of burning timber still present the morning after.

I went to the Simon Langton Boys' Schools only to find it half destroyed and the roads entangled in firemen's hoses.

Charles Woodin, Longfield

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Enjoy festival frolics without the need of a big bank loan

One-day event puts good-quality music and young people first

By **GREG MILES**

EVERY summer we face a choice – pay the extortionate prices to go to top-rate festivals and spend hundreds of pounds on overpriced food and drink, merchandise and more... or miss out altogether.

One relatively new festival is looking to fill the gap for those looking for value for money, and it's become a success without the need for major sponsors, or out-of-reach ticket prices.

The Frolic Festival was started as a small event by a group of friends and has grown into a fully-fledged festival for local talent where you can enjoy more than 50 bands, featuring everything from rock and folk to electro and hip-hop for just £20.

The price is in contrast to a weekend camping ticket for an event such as the Reading Festival this year, which, after the booking fee, would set you back £210.

'We are aiming to put on a festival with great acts and music, but without the extortionate tickets'

While the festival does not boast a line-up of Green Day, Eminem or Biffy Clyro, it is supporting local bands that could one day make steps on to the very same bill.

It is that passion for local music that has seen it thrive to the point where it is switching to another venue this year after outgrowing The Red Lion at Badlesmere, near Faversham, last summer.

This time around it will be taking place in the grounds of The Share and Coulter at Greenhill, between Herne Bay and Whitstable.

The idea was that of Paul Saunders. Born in Challock, the 26-year-old went to the University of Southampton to study illustration and on the side he began working in the music industry as a DJ and promoter with Long Live Rock and Roll. It was then that he put on shows bands like The Maccabees and Mumford & Sons when they were relative unknowns.

For two years he helped run a festival event with local talent playing at venues in and around Southampton, and he has now morphed the idea into Frolic, which this August will take place for the third time after he moved back to the county to continue his career as a self-employed graphic designer.

"The first one, I set up and built the stage and DJ booth from scaffolding. I funded it myself," he said.

"When I came back to Kent I found there wasn't as much going on and that was mostly rock stuff or cover bands. I thought it was a bit of a shame there wasn't anything for local bands. There are bands writing their own stuff, but the capacity of the venues is hard for them to book. We have always been a group of friends who run it."

So, with the event growing year on year, what does the future hold?

"We would like to grow bigger and improve and put more acts on, and put on another stage as we move forward," he said. "I wouldn't like to say we wouldn't get bigger, but maybe we don't want to go into a format where it's a giant leap because of the insurance costs that go with it."

Saunders is working on the event with his friends, including Tom Wood, who feels the low ticket price is the key.

"What we are aiming to do is put on a festival with great acts and music but without the extortionate ticket prices," said Wood. "We want to provide all the same atmosphere and quality but supporting local music.

"There is so much good music now on the internet, and there are so many opportunities for bands to perform nowadays. We are trying to showcase the best of that talent."

Last year's event attracted 400 people, and this year it is hoped to double that. But with just ticket sales to live on, do they make any money?

'We cannot expect thousands of people. It's about getting a strong following'

"Last year we did make a little – not enough to go out celebrating, though," he said. "We are trying to remain as independent as possible and not to be backed by sponsorship.

"The most important thing for us is to build up a strong community following. We cannot just expect thousands of people to turn up. It's about getting a strong following.

"This year, with the venue being slightly bigger, we are having to do a bit more marketing.

"There is so much competition. The biggest in Kent is Lounge on the Farm, but the line-up of that doesn't appeal to me. People can't afford some of these festivals in these tough economic times, especially young people – they want value for money. It is just £20 if you book online in advance."

Kent ciders, cask ales and local produce will also be sold on site.

Visit www.frolicevents.co.uk for more details. Tickets are £20 online in advance, via www.wegottickets.co.uk, or £25 on the day subject to availability. The festival takes place on Friday, August 2. The gates open at 5pm.

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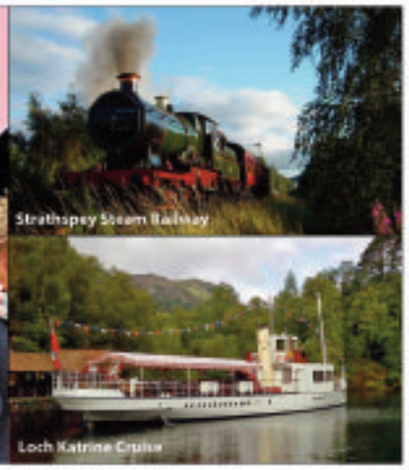

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Your mural could help kill an eyesore in coastal 'art town'

By Greg Miles
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CITIES, towns and villages across the country are full of bare and empty canvasses begging a creative touch, which is just what a group in Folkestone is looking for as it aims to turn an eyesore into a community art project.

At the junction of Tontine Street and Dover Road in the town lies a large property that has been empty since the 1970s and looks like it needs some TLC. Not happy with having to see it on her daily travels, Sue Sheppard is championing the cause to see it restored.

In an ironic twist, the building became a part of her daily routine after she could no longer cycle to the town centre from her home – because she fell off a ladder while painting her shop.

Her irritation with the space has led to the launch of a campaign and a competition to find an artwork worthy of adorning the walls.

It all started when she was giving her lingerie shop, Lacies, in Dover Road, a lick of paint ahead of the Olympics last summer.

"I fell off a ladder, I didn't end up finishing it and there was a pool of purple paint down the road," she said." It meant I couldn't ride my bike to the shops any more, so I had to walk.

"On the way is a really depressing site. There is a horrendous wall. I thought 'Why should we put up with this? Why can't we do something?'. I wrote to the owner and said 'Can we do something about the building and use it for a community art project? To my surprise, he said yes.

"I'm just someone who is very concerned about the environment and our area. It's a bit sad the way our road has gone – it needs some tender loving care. I really just wanted to buy some paint and do it myself."

Before becoming Crouch, a plumbing and home-decorating shop, the building was a Co-op. It also has a link with actress Joan Collins, a scene from the film Lady Godiva Rides Again featuring her and Diana Dors being filmed there. The town was the setting for the 1951 production, which was mainly shot at Leas Cliff Hall.

EYESORE: Members of the public are being invited to submit designs for a mural to brighten up the side of the old Crouch store in Folkestone

A committee has been set up for what is now called the Heart of Folkestone Mural Project. It features artist David Lay; Nick Adams, Kent County Council community officer for East Folkestone; and Cath Mison and Sue, both of Dover Road Residents Association.

Shepway District and Folkestone Town councillors Sue Wallace and Emily Arnold and Adrian Lockwood from the Creative Foundation are also supporters.

They have set a deadline of Sunday, June 30, for applications, after which they will make a decision. The final cost of the project will depend on the idea selected, but fund-raising has already started. So far, £1,100 has been pledged or collected, and more events are planned. Details will be on the group's website.

"We would like to narrow it down to two and have a public vote," said Sue, who is a keen historian. "We need a sketch of what it would look like, how it's going to involve the community and the price.

"We have put together a committee and asked for people to apply to do the job. It's an art town. We have to find someone local to do it. If all the pledges come in we will be up to £1,100. We have done really well raising the money."

To keep up to date with the project, visit heartoffolkestonemural.wordpress.com or see the Facebook group Folkestone Eyesore. If you would like to submit your own application, email heartoffolkestonemural@hotmail.com or write to Dover Road Residents Association c/o Sue Sheppard, Lacies, 127 Dover Road, Folkestone CT20 1NL.

Smallness gives big laughs with comedian Kane

POPULAR comedian Russell Kane is coming to Sevenoaks.

He will be bringing his new show Smallness to the town's Stag arts centre for two separate dates – one next month and the other in August.

The performances are being presented by Outside The Box comedy club, whose Maff Brown will be the supporting act.

Kane's show will be a 'work in progress' as he fine-tunes his material for a national tour taking in such venues as Hammersmith Apollo.

Tickets for the two gigs – on Thursday, July 4, and Thursday, August 1 – are priced at £15. Phone the box office on 01732 450175 or email enquiries@stagsevenoaks.co.uk to book.

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Entry forms are available online at **www.kentnews.co.uk**.

Entries close on Friday, August 30, 2013.

Our panel of judges will then select a shortlist, kickstarting the independent judging process where finalists will be visited or interviewed to determine a worthy winner in each category.

All finalists will be invited to the prestigious awards ceremony in November, where they will enjoy a Champagne reception and three-course meal based on locally-sourced produce before finding out if they are a winner.

This is the first Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards and we are immensely proud to be able to offer you the chance to reward and recognise the deserving businesses within our local food and drink industry, the ones that consistently go above and beyond expectations.

These awards are what you make of them so if you are the owner of a restaurant, a budding chef or local producer, then help to spread the word among your clients and visitors.

With our online voting system up and running, it takes no time at all to cast your vote.

The judging panel is looking for quality over quantity, focusing on good comments rather than number of votes, so everybody is in with a chance, no matter how big or small your business is.

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AWARDS CRITERIA

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Pomegranate Catering

This popular category is open to anyone in the food or drink business who has started a new venture within the last 18 months. It could be any food and drink business but we want to know what impact they have made on the local community and whether they have started to achieve any success further afield. Are they helping to promote Kent food and drink to a new audience? Tell us who has impressed you.

BUTCHER OF THE YEAR

Porsche Centre Tonbridge

This category is here for one reason and that is to praise our many local butchers and everything they do for Kent. Consider asking your butcher how their meat is hung, prepared and cut and whether it can be traced to a local farm. Are the staff knowledgeable and helpful? Does the butcher play a key role within the local community? If so, nominate them.

BEST TEA SHOP OF THE YEAR

Audley

We recognise that tea shops are an integral part of the Kent food and drink scene and we'd like to know your favourites. Who makes the best tea, serves the nicest cakes and the freshest scones? Is the jam home made and are the sandwiches freshly cut and liberally filled? Most importantly, are most of the ingredients locally sourced? We're looking forward to hearing about your favourites.

INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR

This category acknowledges the hard work Kent's independent food and drink retailers put into giving their customers the best possible experience in-store, reinforcing their role at the heart of the community and showing true innovation with their displays. We are looking for independent retailers who put local and seasonal at the heart of the food and drink experience and who are proud to work with and support the best the Garden of England can offer.

BEST FARM SHOP

Waggon at Hale

Just like our Farmers' Markets, a good farm shop needs to have that extra-special something to tempt shoppers away from their local supermarket. Are the staff friendly and knowledgeable, is the range of produce and the layout of an excellent standard, does your local farm shop offer a box scheme? Is most of the produce sold there grown or raised on that farm, or nearby and if not would the owner be able to tell you where it is from?

BEST FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCER

This category celebrates our local suppliers and producers who play such a vital role in the food community. We are looking for someone who consistently provides a reliable quality of products and services to their customers. So whether it's your local bakery, drinks merchant or meat producer, we want to know why this person or business goes the extra mile for you and gets your vote.

BEST FAMILY DINING VENUE

Eastwell Manor Bedford

We've all experienced that sinking feeling when you go out for a meal with the family and you know almost immediately the proprietors and staff would have preferred you to have left the kids at home. We want to know about the exact opposite, those establishments that welcome and treat with respect your whole party, from elderly to very young, and ideally don't banish you too an outer room away from the main dining area. Do they have high-quality menus that suit every age group, provide high chairs if needed, offer useful distractions such as paper and crayons for younger children to use at the table? Is there a children's play area and good baby-changing facilities in the toilets? And most importantly is the food of an excellent standard and worthy of mum and dad as well as the younger members of the party? Tell us all about your best family dining experience in Kent.

BEST PUB OF THE YEAR

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Combining country pubs and dining pubs, the whole eating-out experience needs to be taken into account in this category. Customer service, value for money and the quality of the food should all be accounted for. How well does the establishment you recommend use and name local suppliers and seasonal produce throughout its menus? Neighbourhood pubs are at the heart of the local community and this category is your chance to give something back for all the enjoyment they give you. Are the staff friendly and welcoming, even if it isn't your local? Are there local ales, juices, wines and ciders available to purchase and if so, are they proudly on display? Also, note the quality and speed of the service, the overall atmosphere and ambience, both inside and outside in the beer garden.

BEST FARMER'S MARKET

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The key to a good Farmers' Market is not only the range of produce and the quality of its stalls but also the principles that it supports – for example, does it work as a co-operative with other farmers, is most of the produce sold there grown or raised locally? Are the stallholders welcoming and knowledgeable and is the layout easy to navigate as you move around the market? Are any extras offered on a regular basis, such as cookery demonstrations or talks, is it well advertised so you can plan your visit in advance, is there good accessibility and parking?

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Sidney Marsh Fish Market

We suspect that this category will be one of our most coveted awards, as the Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Restaurant of the Year needs to offer an incomparable dining experience, from the ambience to the service and most importantly the food. Is it locally sourced and does it change with the seasons? Does chef support local producers and are they recognised on the menu? Look through the wine list, are there local as well as international wines and sparkling wines and can the staff tell you more if you ask? We'd expect nothing less from our Restaurant of the Year.

CHEF OF THE YEAR

Swans Kitchens & Bathrooms Ltd

Kent is blessed with outstanding chefs working in the county's fantastic array of restaurants. The Chef of the Year should be someone who has devoted him or herself to the cause of serving the best possible food. They will demonstrate technical ability, use of seasonal ingredients, presentation of the food and an understanding of how flavours work together. They will be able to lead and inspire their team and to talk to customers knowledgeably about the dishes they have enjoyed. Above all, we are looking for passion – that magic ingredient that defines true greatness in the kitchen.

BEST KENT FOOD AND DRINK HERO

Vaughan of Maidstone

Kent has a food and drink scene that is more vibrant than many others across the UK. This category celebrates the individual who has made the most impact on the food or drink community – someone who goes the extra mile to promote Kent to a wider audience and is passionate about local produce throughout. Now is your chance to nominate your own Kent food and drink hero.

YOUR WEEKEND

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A modern twist on classic ballet

POPULAR ballet Swan Lake will be bringing its dazzling choreography to The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury next year.

Matthew Bourne's multi-award-winning Swan Lake will be at the venue in May, one year on from the choreographer's debut at the venue with Sleeping Beauty.

Collecting more than 30 international theatre awards, including three Tony Awards, Bourne's Swan Lake has become the longest-running ballet in both the West End and Broadway.

The show is a modern twist on the timeless classic, with dance alongside humour, and is best known for replacing the traditional female corps de ballet with a male ensemble.

Bourne is a widely-acclaimed choreographer whose previous credits include Nutcracker, Cinderella, The Car Man, Play Without Words, Edward Scissorhands and Dorian Gray.

Swan Lake will be at The Marlowe Theatre from Monday to Friday, May 6-10, 2014.

Tickets, priced from £17.50 to £40, go on sale to Marlowe Friends on Monday (June 17) and the general public on Monday, July 1.

To book, phone 01227 787787. Visit www.marlowetheatre.com for more details.

Excitement for airshow is sky-high as planes fly in

By Greg Miles
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THE planning is almost complete, the planes are starting to land and the South East Airshow is just a week away after a 20-year absence.

All the organisers have left to do is keep their fingers crossed for good weather next weekend when the air show returns to Manston airport on Saturday, June 22.

More than 35,000 people are expected to attend the event, which will see First and Second World War aircraft, modern-day jets and helicopter displays in the skies throughout the day, with plenty more going on at ground level.

"There have been people here for weeks working on it," said events director Chris Yates. "It has taken an enormous amount of planning.

"We have sold about 12,000 tickets at the moment and they are still flying out, if you excuse the pun. We have projected to see 35,000 people if we get good weather."

Among the highlights are a visit from the only Vulcan bomber left in the world, which is extremely costly to run and does so on donations alone.

"The big sight is going to be the Vulcan bomber," said Mr Yates. "We have two Hurricanes, which it is unusual to get in the same place, and three Spitfires. We also have some very rare World War One aircraft and some Russian fighter-trainers.

UNIQUE: The only remaining Vulcan bomber

"Every year they really struggle with the Vulcan to fund it. A few months ago, it was touch and go. It flew at the weekend and did a wonderful job. It is arriving here this weekend, a week early, to get ready for the show.

"It is the only one left in the world. There are also only 12 Hurricanes and 70 Spitfires – if you think of the thousands that were built, to only have so few left is quite sad."

Adult tickets are priced at £12, children and senior citizens £9, families of two adults and two children £35, single-parent families of one adult and up to three children £30.

They are available online until Tuesday (June 18). Parking at the site is free if you have a ticket to the event.

Gates open at 10am and close at 6pm, with air displays starting at 1pm and finishing at 5pm.

Visit www.heritageevents.co.uk or phone 08456 526263 for more information.

FAB FOUR

The Anchor Inn, Wingham
Wednesday, June 19
Phone: 01227 720392
Website: www.teapadorchestra.co.uk
Rob Heron and The Tea Pad Orchestra: Seven-piece band, featuring guitars, mandolin, harmonica, accordion and trumpet, playing swing and gypsy jazz.

The Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe
Thursday, June 20, 8.30pm
Phone: 01303 277175 (Beryl Wood)
Website: www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk
Tony Kofi: Tony Kofi and The Organisation bring modern jazz to Folkestone, with organ-player Pete Whittaker, guitarist Simon Fernsby and drummer Peter Cater. Tickets £10.

Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells
Friday, June 21, 7.30pm
Phone: 01892 53613
Website: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk
Dirty/DC: Enjoy AC/DC tribute act Dirty/DC, who have been touring since 1988 and leave no stone unturned in their portrayal of the rock gods. Tickets £14 standing, £16.50 seats.

The Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne
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Explore the forest on new cycle trails

CYCLISTS will soon have 2,500 metres of new mountain-bike trails to explore in Bedgebury forest.

Work has started on developing the trails, following the completion of the first five sections, thanks to money from the Forestry Commission and Bedgebury Forest Bike Club.

Bedgebury's recreation manager Mark Clixby said: "We are fortunate to have secured the £60,000 funding required to develop the Mountain Bike Trail.

"This is a very exciting project and I hope it will further enhance Bedgebury's reputation as the No 1 cycle centre in the South East.

"Plans are progressing well and we are hoping some of the new trail will be open for the summer holidays.

"Forestry Commission staff and volunteers have worked very hard over the last three years to develop the 13km trail into a safer, more fun and challenging ride that will also be more sustainable into the future."

If you would like to get involved, visit the Bedgebury Forest Cycle Club website at www.boarsonbikes.co.uk, or see www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury for more information about Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest.

From brave knights to small animals, all this show needs is some sunshine

By Greg Miles
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HUNTING: Birds of prey, such as this barn owl, will be on display at the Town and Country Show

ORGANISERS of this year's Tunbridge Wells Town and Country Show are keeping their fingers crossed for drier weather next weekend.

Last year the event suffered in the summer-long downpour, with organiser Oakleigh Fairs admitting that it took a financial hit.

However, it is more optimistic this year and hopes it can at least double the 3,000 attendance from the previous show.

Emma Owen, director of Oakleigh Fairs, said: "It was pouring down with rain and the ground was so wet. It was quite affected, but we carried on. I think we will be fine this year. There are lots of things for people to enjoy once they're there.

"Because the weather has been so bad, the British public assume they have to take wellies everywhere. They are determined to go out and support local things.

"[Last year] was uncomfortable for us, put it that way. It wasn't enough to deter us from coming back again. Tunbridge Wells is such a terrific place, we just really want to pull it off without the stuff falling from the sky."

There will be something for everyone to enjoy, with birds-of-prey flying displays, the small-animal farm, ponies, a goat show, working dogs and a companion dog show. Proceeds from the dog show will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

There will also be a Swords of Chivalry Medieval Village and Fighting Knights, while more action will come from the Officers of the Confederate States.

As if all that were not enough, there will be marquees full of arts, crafts and gifts.

The show takes place on Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, at Dunorlan Park, off Bayhall Road. Gates are open from 10am to 5pm. Entry is £6, concessions £5 and children £3. Family tickets for two adults and two children are £15.

See www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/tunbridge-wells for advance tickets at discounted rates.

Get up close and personal as seaside jazz festival takes music out on to the streets

By Greg Miles
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MUSIC fans are set for a New Orleans-style jazz extravaganza in Margate next weekend.

The annual three-day Margate Jazz Festival (Friday to Sunday, June 21-23) will for the first time see music performed on the pavements of Margate's Old Town, bringing audiences closer to the performers than ever before.

This year the festival will be curated by David Mossman from London's Vortex Jazz Club, recently voted the Best UK Venue in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards.

Mossman, who also founded the festival in 2005, believes the new stage-free presentation style will create a unique party atmosphere.

He said: "Sunday's programme features an amazing range of music: from authentic Balkan and gypsy jazz to Brazilian bossa nova to Italian swing. The performers have played at the best jazz clubs and festivals in the world, but you won't see them in a better location than Margate's seaside... and certainly not for free."

Even if the weather is bad, the music will go on, thanks to the support of host venues The Harbour Café, The Lifeboat Ale & Cider House, The Lighthouse Bar and The Hoy.

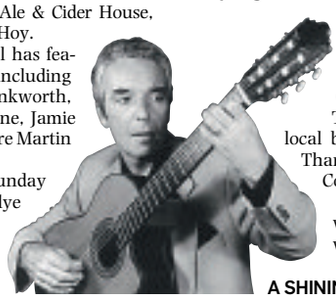
Over the years the festival has featured a host of jazz stars including Cleo Laine and Johnny Dankworth, Nigel Kennedy, Courtney Pine, Jamie Cullum, Christine Tobin, Clare Martin and Norma Winstone.

This year's line-up for Sunday includes Dunajska Kapelye (five-piece Balkan band), Ray Gelato and The Giants (seven-piece swing band), Carol Grimes & Annie Whitehead Quartet (jazz, blues and roots), Doug Sides Trio (contemporary percussion) and Monica Vasconcelos (Brazilian quartet), and it will be hosted by DJ James Anthony of Solar Radio.

The festival will start at the Lighthouse Bar on Friday night with music from guitarists Jamie Moore and Dave Reay. On Saturday night, Jan Ponsford and Frances Knight entertain at the Harbour Café Bar.

The event is supported by local businesses and grants from Thanet District Council and Kent County Council.

For more information, visit www.margatejazzfestival.wix.com/jazz.



A SHINING TALENT: Jamie Moore

Tuck into some brilliant stand-up with Thom

THOM Tuck is headlining the next Chatback Comedy Club night at The Parrot in Canterbury.

Tuck, left, who has his own show on BBC Radio 4 called Thom Tuck Goes Straight To DVD, was nominated for the Chortle Best Newcomer Award in 2011. He will perform at The Parrot on Thursday, June 20.

Supporting Tuck is Mark Cooper-Jones, who has had slots on BBC Three's Russell Howard's Good News and Live at the Electric. He was also a nominee for the Chortle Best Newcomer Award in 2012.

Also in the line-up is Peter White, as seen on Comedy Network.

Compere for the evening is Laura Lexx, who was a support act for Russell Kane on his UK tour this year.

Tickets are priced at £8 and doors open at 7.30pm. To learn more, visit www.chatbackcomedy.com.

RIDE ON: Routes organised for National Bike Week

Public are urged to get on their bikes and ride

TWO cycle rides have been organised to encourage more people to get in the saddle for National Bike Week.

National Bike Week is from Saturday to Sunday, June 15-23, and includes two organised by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership.

The first takes place on Sunday, June 16, around Lyminge Forest. The 11-mile circular ride is largely flat, but there is one steep hill section. Mountain-bikes are required as the route goes off-road and along forest tracks and country lanes.

To see a virtual cycle of the route, as well as guides of the four cycle routes around Lyminge Forest, visit www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk.

The ride will start at 2pm from the car park at West Wood, Lyminge Forest.

On Sunday, June 23, there will be a ride along a section of the cycle path of the Royal Military Canal. Participants should meet at 2pm outside Hythe station of the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway. The flat route is 14 miles across Romney Marsh.

For more details, phone Kirk Alexander on 01304 241806 or visit www.bikeweek.org.uk.

Pam Ayres stars

THE 44th annual Sevenoaks Summer Festival starts next weekend, an evening with 'people's poet' Pam Ayres likely to be the highlight.

More than 100 events are taking place during the festival, which takes place from Saturday, June 22, until Sunday, July 7, with the town's Stag arts centre acting as host venue.

The opening Saturday includes three daytime performances of children's production Arthur's Dream, Jeanette Mason presenting an interactive jazz musical and An Audience With Pam Ayres to round things off.

Tickets for the Ayres event have sold out, but there may be returns. For these or for tickets to any of the other events, phone 01732 450175.

Visit www.sevenoaksfestival.org.uk or www.sevenoaksstag.co.uk for more about the festival.

Thackray satire lives on through his fake

A TRIBUTE to 60s satirical singer-songwriter Jake Thackray will be played out at The Brook Theatre in Chatham.

John Watterson will be performing as Fake Thackray at the theatre on Thursday, July 11, playing hits such as Bantam Cock, The Blacksmith And The Toffee Maker and Sister Josephine.

Thackray died of heart failure in 2002 at the age of 64.

The 90-minute show starts at 8pm. Tickets are priced at £12 and can be booked by phoning the box office on 01634 338338.

Hotel Inspector returns to funky B&B

By Greg Miles
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HOTEL-OWNER Joe Mallet is preparing for another visit from The Hotel Inspector this week, two years after his grilling on the Channel 5 show.

It comes a week after his Who'd A Thought It bed-and-breakfast in Grafty Green, near Maidstone, was named funkiest B&B in the country at a national awards ceremony.

His establishment was visited in 2011 by Alex Polizzi, who bids to put struggling hoteliers on a more successful path, and she will be coming back to the county next week for a catch-up, the results of which will be aired later this year.

Rather than take too much Polizzi advice, Joe continued on his road to create a unique setting for visitors, with jacuzzis and hot tubs in each room, while also adding a boutique shop and refurbishing the restaurant.

It has gone down well with another set of hotel inspectors, from the AA, who put it forward for the national award after a visit earlier this year.

"We have been working hard to make the rooms individual and different, so it's nice to be recognised with the award," he said, adding that the programme had brought some welcome publicity.

"I thought long and hard before I went on it. It was good publicity in the end," he said. "I think we got away quite lightly, compared with others. She usually rips places apart.

"We got on quite well off-camera. They have to put in a bit of spark when they edit it down.

"We have done very well since. We have done four rooms up and changed them around, and totally refurbished the restaurant. We have made a shop and refurbished outside. It's not so much because of what she said, but we are working towards the same goals, so people come back and experience different rooms.

"She pointed us in a direction she thought we should go down, to be more corporate. That has not been so fruitful. It's mainly couples."

Improving the bed-and-breakfast is something that is always on Joe's mind as he looks to keep one step ahead of the competition.

"I go to different hotels and just keep an eye on the next thing people are going to want when they go out," he said. "Years ago, it was four-poster beds. Now it's hot tubs and jacuzzis.

"You need to make it an experience for people to come back. It's got to give that warming feel when you go in."

RETURN: The Hotel Inspector is to pay a repeat visit to the Who'd A Thought It bed-and-breakfast

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BeBeached... be be be brilliant! A superb end-of-the-pier show

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

There is a gem, a real gem of a place, in Margate. It is called BeBeached and it is found out on the town's harbour arm. We visited at the end of May, almost five months to the day after my 50th birthday, the celebration of which with our neighbours was the reason for a long-promised evening out.

The venue was not chosen by me and, truth be told, I wasn't wholly convinced. BeBeached bills itself as Margate's real-food café and on approach I wasn't sure a glammed-up burger or two was really going to do the occasion justice. Several hours later, we were all smitten.

So far, so sycophantic, and that's not a place I like to be in, but one by one any reservations I might have had melted away in a haze of good company, food and wine.

Look at the picture on this page and you'll spot that there are more imposing dining venues. No problem, but on this glorious (howling gale and rain) evening I wondered if it might be a touch chilly inside... almost as unforgivable a restaurant or pub crime as poor food and drink.

The thought came and it went, never to return. I can assume only it wasn't cold. The atmosphere certainly wasn't and we enjoyed the attention and service of our waitress and the perfectly busy ambience of the place.

Given its setting out on the harbour arm – locals might know it as the stone jetty or even the pier (the closest that the town now has to one, following the wind-driven destruction and shameful failure to replace the real one) – word of mouth is travelling quickly.

I guess it has to. Harbour-arm strollers aside, this is a venue that not many will stumble upon accidentally. Many others will have their attentions caught earlier by the thankfully growing number of restaurants that the town offers. To me, though, its location, complete with the superb views back towards Margate, only enhances the experience, particularly, I have to say, on a wild and windy night.

And the food? Brilliant! Yes, there are the gourmet steak or veggie burgers of which I had initially – and doubtless incorrectly – been a little wary, but there is so very much more.

The nettle soup selected as a starter by one of our number set the tone of something a little different, while seafood was a feature of the evening, prawns, shrimps and scallops all disappearing pretty much as quickly as they had appeared.

Mushroom ragoût on ciabata crust, topped with poached duck egg, was chosen by the two ladies among us, while on the other side of the table a ravioli dish and lamb with hand-cut chips added some kind of balance.

Desserts included lemon tart and cream, rhubarb and cream and chocolate fudgecake. Three carafes of excellent white wine were drunk, as were a couple of pints of Shepherd Neame beer.

The total bill for the four of us amounted to £160.70. Top value, top place. Enough of such eulogising – go there! It doesn't get much better.

Dave Mairs

■ **BeBeached**
Margate Harbour Arm, Margate CT9 1AP
(phone 07961 402612)

Isle pizza gurus eyeing for second restaurant

SEAFRONT restaurant The Great British Pizza Company has announced that it will be opening at a second location.

The Margate-based operation has been a hit since its arrival in Thanet last year and has confirmed on its website that it is looking to expand.

It is not clear where the team will be opening, but it is likely to be in Kent, where it has had good customer reviews.

The online message is: "Exciting news! We are opening our second site at the beginning of summer 2013. Once we've got the pesky paperwork out of they way, we'll let you know more!"

Healthy diet book is a loving tribute to Alfie

A YOUNGSTER who lost his battle with childhood cancer at just two years old will be remembered this month as his parents continue to raise funds through The Alfie Gough Trust and recipe book Fighting Back With Food.

Created by Dean and Sarah Gough, it is a recipe book with a difference as each recipe was tested by Alfie while he was battling stage 4 neuroblastoma.

Little Alfie died in 2010, but Dean and Sarah believe the nutritional diet they chose for their son gave him a fantastic quality of life during his brave battle.

The book costs £15.99 and is available online.

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Riverside restoration the perfect rural retreat

A BEAUTIFUL, historic Georgian house near Sevenoaks will finally be restored this month

Grade II-listed Farningham Mill is set on eight acres adjoining the River Darent in the centre of the picturesque village of Farningham.

The old mill, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book, was built in 1710 and bought by the Collier family. It had remained in the family's ownership until being bought by Vision Homes.

As part of the restoration, the company has created a collection of converted and new-build houses that are being restored or designed to blend with the existing 18th-century buildings on the Farningham Mill estate. There will be a range of properties from two-bedroom cottages to large, loft-style apartments and gracious family homes.

First to launch on the site will be Lions Yard, a trio of three-bedroom, new-build houses. Facing on to Farningham high street, each of the homes has generous living space throughout as well as parking and small gardens.

Each house will have access to the mill grounds at the rear once the development is complete. Prices range from £545,000 to £575,000.

A further plot is due to be launched in September this year.

The former watermill is being divided into four plots to provide two duplexes and two large apartments, and occupants of the ground-floor apartment, in particular, will have a special view of the River Darent.

The Mill Race, a tributary of the river created specifically to power the mill, flows under the watermill and a glass floor will be built into the kitchen of the groundfloor apartment so the water can be seen flowing beneath.

The existing Georgian house attached to the mill at the front will be refurbished, as will the four-bedroom house at the rear of the mill.

There will be six garages at the rear of the mill, each with a home office/studio above and parking space.

Occupants of the new development will have access to about three acres of grounds, which includes a long riverside orchard with secluded seating areas along its 500 yards of river frontage and beautiful walled garden.

And for keen fishermen, there will be the opportunity to fish the river, which is stocked with trout.

The development will include the conversion of stables and other period outbuildings into several cottages, all of which will enjoy the benefit of being part of this managed estate.

The project is due to be completed by the summer of 2014.

Giles Underhill, director of Vision Homes, says the development took almost three years in the planning stages.

Originally granted planning permission by Sevenoaks District Council in July 2012, further meetings involving the council, the Environment Agency and English Heritage on signing off the last details are now in their final stages.

Jonathan Bateman, of selling agent Savills, said: "We are delighted to be working with Vision Homes on what is a truly innovative and imaginative project that will see this focal point in the village restored to former glories."

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Discovery Park bids for enterprise cash

ENTERPRISE zones are to get an extra £100million of funding from the Government to help boost their appeal to businesses.

Communities secretary Eric Pickles said 13 zones have been green lighted to receive the extra cash to help fund 18 projects for the likes of service roads, car parking and other infrastructure.

The fund, originally £60m, is designed to help the zones reach their real growth potential faster as economic engine rooms of local economies. Following a competitive bidding process, the successful proposals will now undergo further testing to ensure value for money for the taxpayer.

Discovery Park in Sandwich – the former Pfizer complex – is one of those bidding.

It wants investment to refurbish and redesign three buildings which were originally built for a single company. Once completed, the buildings will offer a range of facilities from offices and laboratories to conference space and meetings rooms.

Eric Pickles said: "Enterprise zones are stimulating job creation and economic growth in different parts of the country with their special package of incentives to attract new business ventures.

"The Government is putting its money where its mouth is and making sure enterprise zones have the buildings and infrastructure they need to make sites ready for businesses to set up in.

"Enterprise zones are proving extremely popular with business – they have already created over 3,000 jobs for local people, a 75 per cent increase in just five months – and many more will be coming down the pipeline because of this new support."

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Interest grows in M20 industrial park plan as firms look to expand

By Chris Britcher
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PRESSURE to get the go-ahead for a major new industrial park off the M20 at Maidstone continued to grow this week after two firms vowed to move to the site and recruit more staff.

In what many will see as the latest attempt to apply a little emotional and economic pressure to the borough's decision-makers, both hint that only by moving to the site could vital jobs be kept in the area.

Dubbed Waterside Park, the site is earmarked for land currently owned by the Rochester Bridge Trust next to junction eight of the motorway at Hollingbourne.

The location is well known to many.

The hugely controversial Kent International Gateway rail and freight terminal was proposed nearby. It, however, was defeated after a major campaign amid concerns of damage to protected areas and the impact on nearby villages. Those opposed to the plans included Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council.

Waterside Park, as it is being called, will be far smaller – some sixth of the size – and those behind the project insist the environmental impact will be much less.

Nick Yandle, chief executive of Gallagher Group, the company proposing the park, said: "Junction eight's potential as a strategically important location to support future employment growth for Maidstone has long been identified.

"We are delighted two companies, both long-standing Maidstone employers, have each independently recognised the role Waterside Park can play in their ongoing growth and they have each pledged their long-term commitment to the county town.

READY TO GO: Automotive Distributors Ltd and Scarab Sweepers are interested in Waterside Park

"It is important to note Waterside Park is not on land identified as part of the former KIG proposals. At 42 acres, it is less than a sixth of the size of KIG, which was 278 acres. As a result of the construction process and landscaping, the buildings within Waterside Park will be largely screened from view."

A planning application is expected to be submitted in the coming weeks to Maidstone Borough Council.

This week two firms – both currently based in Marden – said they would move to the site, retaining 450 jobs and creating hundreds more.

Automotive Distributors Ltd (ADL) employs some 230 people with a turnover of £75 million, supplying car parts for Asian and US vehicles to the UK and 50 other companies.

It says turnover is set to double within the next 10 years and that moving to the proposed site would allow it to stay in the area.

Scarab Sweepers, meanwhile, employs 220 staff, developing and producing road and street cleaning vehicles. It too is forecasting growth.

Mark Northeast, ADL's joint managing director, said: "After considerable research, which included considering sites in the north of England and the Midlands, we believe Waterside Park offers us the best location to grow our export-driven business.

"As a result, it took little time to persuade our family-owned German parent company – the Bilstein Group – to invest in the development of a freehold single site operation at Waterside Park.

"The proposed development will improve our international competiveness and, importantly for the local economy, it would enable us to retain our existing staff and employ a further 150 people over the next three years."

Information on the plans for Waterside Park will be on public display at the Mercure Hotel, Hollingbourne, on June 26, from 2-8pm.

Factory closure plans put 170 jobs under threat

A PACKAGING company looks set to close its Gillingham factory, leading to the loss of 170 jobs.

Graphic Packaging International has started talks with the union Unite after beginning the 45-day consultation period.

The union says it will urge the international firm to "look at all possibilities" for re-location of staff and is demanding urgent talks with senior management.

The firm, which has its headquarters in the US, describes itself as the "world's largest producer of folding cartons and a global leader in coated, recycled boxboard and specialty bag packaging".

Staff at the Gillingham site were involved in manufacturing cartons.

Previously owned by Contego, the site was part of a major acquisition by Graphic Packaging at the end of last year. It is understood the company has conducted a major review into its business since the take-over, with further job losses expected in Leeds.

Unite national officer Ian Tonks said: "This is a very difficult time for the workforce and they have a right to be angry that they face redundancy. Unite will be demanding the company does everything possible to support the workers affected. At a time when unemployment is high and good jobs are hard to find, employers should be going out of their way to find the best deal possible for workers who have given years of loyalty."

Unite says the company is proposing to cease operations by September 30.

A spokesman for Graphic Packaging in the US told us: "Regretfully, Graphic Packaging has announced a possible closure of the Gillingham facility with the potential loss of 170 jobs. The company is consulting with all involved, including Unite the Union and the employee information and consultation committee on this.

"Full details have yet to be decided, but until then business activities will continue as normal.

"The majority of work will likely transfer to Leeds and will preserve and potentially increase jobs and skills at this site. However, we are also discussing some reductions in specific roles in Leeds as we optimise across European manufacturing facilities.

"We realise the impact of this decision on our team members, their families and communities and we remain committed to providing assistance under our policies to help mitigate the impact of this decision where possible."

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Jamboree fires scientific interest among county's school children

POPULAR: Park hosted event

MORE than 1,400 students from nearly 50 schools across the county descended upon a leading science and technology park this week for a two-day Science Jamboree.

The event took place at the Discovery Park in Sandwich - formerly the Pfizer site - on Wednesday and Thursday and was designed to spark the imagination of primary school pupils by letting them take part in experiments.

Organised by the Kent Festival of Science, Pfizer, along with the Royal Society of Chemistry, sponsor the event, with additional support from the University of Kent.

Organiser John Coad said: "The resurgence of the event reflects the successful regeneration of the business park and it is through working together to support science education that we are able to bring this event back to life."

New-look website goes live for specialist college

NASH College has launched a brand new website to allow disabled young people and care professionals to find out more about the courses on offer.

The college in Bromley caters for around 80 young people with disabilities and is run by the charity Livability. It is the only residential specialist college of its type close to London.

To see the new-look website, visit www.nashcollege.org.uk.

Jon-Marc is apprentice plumber of the year

A STUDENT at the Ashford campus of K College has been crowned apprentice plumber of the year in a nationwide contest.

Jon-Marc Sullivan beat off stiff competition to win the title after going head-to-head with a number of rivals from across the UK before a panel of experts.

He said he was "delighted" to have won the title of Hip! Apprentice Plumber of the Year in the contest sponsored by trade supplier Plumbfix.

ASSISTANCE: Programme designed to allow local and middle income families chance of uni berth

Network paves way to top unis for academies

A DOZEN schools across the county have joined forces to pilot a scheme designed to give bright students from low and middle income backgrounds the chance to secure a place at one of the UK's top universities.

Launched this week, the Universities Access Scheme is aimed at Year 9 students attending one of the schools which form part of the Kent Academies Network, a collaboration of schools aimed at boosting achievement levels.

It is being run through six academy schools in conjunction with their sponsor.

It includes Folkestone Academy, linked with the King's School, Canterbury; New Romney's Marsh Academy, with Tonbridge School; Tunbridge Wells' Skinner's Kent Academy, with the Skinners' School; Isle of Sheppey Academy, with Dulwich College; Knole Academy, with Sevenoaks; and the John Wallis Church of England Academy, with Beneden.

The scheme also includes the Sutton Trust - a foundation aimed at increasing social mobility through education - and Fitzwilliam College Cambridge.

Students from low and middle income backgrounds in Year 9 will be selected – based on their academic potential – from the participating academies, and begin a four-year programme of support designed to ensure they are ultimately capable of securing a top university berth.

In each year the students will spend one week at Easter and one week in the summer away from their own school on a residential course in one of the participating independent schools.

A spokesman for the scheme explained: "These courses will give students the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of core subjects, develop new skills and interests, engage with academically like-minded young people, be coached by inspirational teachers, and experience a range of enrichment and extracurricular activities in, for example, art, music, literature, drama and science.

"The scheme's ultimate goal is to enable young people to make successful applications to top UK universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Students will also benefit from e-mentoring and an online curriculum with learning mentors – undergraduates from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and teachers from the participating schools."

Ceri Jones at Tonbridge School, which is co-ordinating the programme, said: "This scheme has grown out of a very productive relationship between the maintained and independent sectors in Kent.

"The schools involved all firmly believe that we have a responsibility to support young people in our local area and that this is best done through collaboration.

"By working together, we believe we can make a positive difference to the futures of young people in Kent. We have been working with academies for some time and this pioneering scheme will really strengthen our efforts."

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UCA hires renowned architect Will Alsop

THE University for the Creative Arts in Canterbury has added renowned architect Will Alsop to its teaching staff, after he was appointed as professor of architecture at the east Kent campus.

In a career spanning 40 years, his buildings have generated critical acclaim internationally.

His most celebrated projects include Le Grand Bleu in Marseilles, the Cardiff Bay Visitors Centre, the Sharp Centre for Design at the Ontario College of Art & Design and the Peckham Library which won the prestigious RIBA Stirling Prize in 2000.

He will take on the position as of September and work with undergraduate and postgraduate students on a variety of projects and initiatives.

Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr, UCA vice-chancellor, said: "Will Alsop is one of the most interesting architects practising today and I am thrilled that our architecture, interior design and fine art students will be able to learn from him and work with him during their studies at UCA."

Mr Alsop said: "Having got to know and like the school, its staff and students in recent years, I'm looking forward to taking over the position. It's very exciting."

Blockbuster deal as Vue chain sold

CINEMA chain Vue – which runs the multiplex at Westwood Cross in Thanet – has been sold in a deal worth £935million.

It was sold by private equity firm Doughty Hanson to Canadian investors OMERS Private Equity and Alberta Investment Management.

It marks a remarkable profit for Doughty Hanson, which had paid £450m for Vue in 2010.

It is thought the new buyers will look to further build on the brand after revenues continued to rise despite only a modest increase in the number of cinema goers.

It currently operates nearly 150 cinemas across the UK and Europe.

REVENUES: The Iron Man franchise is one of the many films drawing fans to cinemas

Osborne told to build on bank plan ahead of spending review

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AS CHANCELLOR George Osborne continues to plot quite where his sythe will slash away the £11.5 billion of public spending necessary as he puts the finishing touches to the spending review, local business groups are pleading with him to ensure the road ahead is designed for economic growth.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has submitted its thoughts to the chancellor and at its heart is a call for reform of the enterprise support landscape. And in particular to see the Business Bank up and running and its long-term strategy made clear.

Announced last September by business secretary Vince Cable, the bank is designed to allow firms easier access to funding – one of the key stumbling blocks for economic growth in recent years.

The Kent branch of the FSB has long banged the drum that the banking sector needs more competition and believes the Business Bank is fundamental in making this happen.

In addition, the local arm wants to see spending retained in key areas such as skills, exports, broadband and transport to support businesses and improve the UK's economic outlook.

Roger House, FSB chairman in Kent and Medway, said: "The recent economic picture is more positive than we have seen in a while.

"Our own data shows business confidence in Kent and Medway is building. The chancellor must use the spending review to build upon this by setting out a long-term vision for ongoing investment in key areas such as skills, exports and broadband as well as the Business Bank.

"The Business Bank has the potential to be a game changer in the small business finance market, but only if its aims and funding are clearly set out.

"What the FSB would like to see is a long-term plan for how the Business Bank will be funded to ensure it remains independent, and for the current 'alphabet soup' of government initiatives tidied up to create a more focused offering.

"With many Kent firms struggling to access finance, reforming the business support landscape and putting all funding in one place would make support clearer for small firms, help delivery and also improve the environment in which they operate."

FUNDING: Small businesses are calling for George Osborne to outline full plans for Business Bank

Hundreds of jobs to be created by life sciences sector

BOOMING life sciences companies are set to create up to 500 essential new jobs within the next two years, the county's investment promotion agency claims.

Locate in Kent's research says the boom in such scientific sites will continue to stimulate growth.

There are now some 129 companies in the sector employing some 6,000 people across the county.

Speaking after returning from Bio International 2013 in Chicago, where Locate in Kent had been promoting the county to life science businesses, Paul Wookey, the organisation's CEO, said: "Confidence is strengthening among our existing life science businesses and the county's cluster is growing well.

"We have the important combination of major global players sitting alongside highly ambitious and innovative start-ups, with several the result of Pfizer's announcement that it was reducing its operations at their Sandwich site two years ago.

"The cluster is still growing and has strong potential for the future."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Manston to welcome jumbo plane arrivals

BRITISH Airways' collosal Airbus A380 will be jetting into Manston Airport this summer as it undergoes a series of tests before being introduced into service later in the year.

And straight after that, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner will be touching down at the Thanet airfield too.

The aircraft will be at the airport for around three weeks, departing once or twice a day.

Saga denies claims of imminent flotation

SAGA chiefs have denied the firm has plans to float on the stock market - despite widespread reports this week a debt restructuring by its parent company would see it become listed.

Private equity company Acromas, which owns both Saga and the AA, is in the process of replacing £4bn of loans with a cheaper long-term solution, prompting speculation the AA could be sold and Saga floated.

P&O tells of high cost of rival MyFerryLink

RIVAL operator P&O has spelt out the high cost of Eurotunnel's MyFerryLink operation on its bottom line, a week after the Competition Commission told MyFerryLink it must stop trading.

A spokesman said: "With competitors pricing below cost in order to gain market share in the short term, we were forced to withdraw the European Seaway freight ship and have incurred substantial lay up costs and a fall in profitability."

Balfour Beatty set to close its Dartford site

MORE than 50 jobs are at risk after construction giant Balfour Beatty confirmed it was looking to close its site in Dartford.

It is one of three of the firm's UK locations facing the axe as chiefs look to offset a profits hit by weak conditions in the UK construction market.

Other sites to be affected include Rochdale and Doncaster.

Jobs boost as chain moves into Biggin Hill

CUT price department store The Original Factory Shop is to create 20 jobs by pumping £250,000 into its new store in Biggin Hill.

It has taken over the site vacated by Madison's nightclub on Main Road.

The company, which has over 180 stores in the UK, says it is committed to small town centre shopping in an era when many others are moving to out-of-town shopping centres.

Blow as Hornby files £3.4m pre-tax losses

HORNBY has issued disappointing financial figures and a pre-tax loss of £3.4million - blaming disappointing sales for its range of London 2012 Olympic merchandise and problems with a Chinese supplier.

The firm, based in Margate, said sales had tumbled from £64.4m to £57.4m and, as a consequence, had ditched a dividend payment to shareholders.

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SO many cars – some excellent, some downright terrible – have worn the initials 'GT' that their original meaning has been lost in motoring time.

But they stand for Gran Turismo in Italian or Grand Tourer, and were used originally to describe cars capable of covering big distances quickly in style and comfort.

And that's what BMW has re-created with the new 3 Series Grand Turismo hatchback, launched this weekend.

I'll admit to trepidation when collecting our test car from Broad Oak BMW at Ashford, since BMW's earlier attempt at a GT reincarnation, the 5 Series Gran Turismo, was not the most elegant of executions.

Its smaller and more stylish namesake is much tidier, though, and, let's be clear, is not simply a 3 Series saloon with a hatchback. It rides higher and on a 110mm-longer wheelbase than the current saloon (from £23,185) and its estate sister, the Touring (from £24,500).

In fact, the newcomer becomes a grander 'Touring', since the extra stretch gives limo-like legroom and a 520-litre boot with seats up and 1,600 litres with seats down, against the real 3 Series Touring's 495 and 1,500 respectively.

This extra space also helps justify its more premium status and price (from £28,835) in the 3 Series line-up.

Our car had the likely best-selling engine by far, the refined 184bhp 320d two-litre turbodiesel, and was specc'd in upmarket Luxury trim with eight-speed auto box (£34,835), the latter's silky changes being a perfect complement to the GT's mission to offer greater cruising comfort than its sister models and also very economical – I was registering an average of 50+mpg even in normal 'Comfort' mode rather than the fuel-saving 'Eco Pro'.

In delivering a physically higher and more regal status, some of the sharpness of the latest 3 Series – a superb driver's car – has been sacrificed for ride quality; perish the thought, there's even the hint of lean on the corners when the GT is pushed hard, but there will be buyers happy to make this minor trade for the car's extra capacity and luxury.

Broad Oak sales manager Sam Pitchford predicted that the GT could take a quarter of 3 Series volumes, similar to the Touring, with the balance taken by the saloon now that 3 Series Coupé and Convertible models are due to become the new 4 Series – the 4 Series Coupé is due in October.

Mr Pitchford said: "Not everyone wants an estate car, and we like hatchbacks in the UK, so this car and its huge amount of space fills a gap that needed filling while also offering an extra premium option in the best-selling 3 Series line-up. We've had a lot of customer interest and, now the car's here, expect to convert many leads into sales."

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Reliability: ★★★★★
How green?: ★★★★
Best rival: Audi A5 Sportback

BMW reinvents the Grand Tourer

IMPRESSIVE: BMW's new 3 Series Grand Turismo has masses of space and comes with a physically higher and more regal status

DON'T LIKE

... the styling quite as much as the existing saloon and Touring, but the interior space is effective and worth paying a little extra for.

NOT SURE

... people will rush to buy; this may be a slow burn until the GT is judged by hard-nosed valuations and demand in the used-car market.

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Sleek Astra hides huge cabin

By Steve Loader
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FEW cars in the family-hatchback sector marry style, driving pleasure and workhorse ability so well as the sixth-generation Vauxhall Astra.

The five-door design narrowly missed winning the prestigious European Car of the Year award in 2010 – probably only because Vauxhall's bigger Insignia swooped on that the previous year.

It has since also inspired two fine spin-offs, the elegantly practical Sports Tourer or estate (from £17,280) – the actual workhorse of the range – and the GTC or coupé (from £19,045), the thoroughbred of the line-up.

But the biggest seller by far is the five-door (from £12,995) produced in the UK at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside.

Despite its interior practicality, the car looks racy and low-slung, an effect enhanced by Vauxhall's now-familiar 'blade' design signature, used here on the rear doors. A sharply downswept rear window line fools the eye into believing it has a sporting back. Closer inspection reveals the car actually has a more conventional roofline that does not eat into rear headroom.

In fact, the exterior does a superb job of disguising an enormous cabin, even challenging cars in the class above.

Use of this space is also intelligent, with helpful Flex accessories – as Vauxhall likes to call them – to be found in the cabin as well as the boot.

As we now expect with Vauxhall, fixtures and fittings quality compares well with the executive sector, an arena the brand seems set on inching into ahead of increasing infiltration of its traditional sales by brands from the Far East.

This quality also shows Vauxhall wants more private buyers to aspire to the Astra, even though 60 per cent of current family-hatchback sales go to company-car user-choosers.

Of course, the brand's long-time association with such fleet sales and the huge role played there by the Astra itself over the years does count against the car in the eyes of private buyers. Look beyond the badge and the Astra's image, though, not to mention over-optimistic and rarely-sustainable list prices – there are always deals to be had – and you will find a leader in its class.

It drives as well as it looks; the previous car was no slouch, but Vauxhall delved into Britain's industrial past and used a Watts linkage for the rear of the chassis – another ingenious invention by 18th-century steam pioneer James Watt.

This counters lateral pressures when cornering hard and makes the Astra one of the best-handling cars in its sector, with driver and passengers unlikely to moan that this comes at the price of a crabby ride.

The driving experience is also aided by a diverse powertrain line-up, though, admittedly, the test car was not set up to deliver lots of power. As one of Vauxhall's fuel-sipping tax-efficient Ecoflex models, it featured a 1.7-litre turbodiesel capable of eking out an official 76.3mpg on the combined cycle, with CO_2 emissions so low (99g/km) that the car escapes road tax.

Despite its green credentials, this version's 130PS output (128bhp) offers respectable performance (0-62mph in 10.4 seconds) and refinement.

The test car came with Tech Line spec, a recent offering targeted at company-car-drivers seeking lots of spec for the price but also available to savvy private buyers.

This brings all the usual kit you would expect, plus air-con, electric windows and mirrors, DAB radio and MP3-compatible sound system with aux/ipod/SD car inputs, Bluetooth, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, cruise-control, spoked alloys, sat-nav and three-spoke leather-covered sports steering wheel.

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MOTORING NEWS

UK milestone for Korean Kia

KIA has reached the half-million registrations mark in Britain, having arrived in 1991 with a Ford/Mazda-derived model called the Pride.

The Korean brand has since become a major UK player; volumes have risen sharply lately, inspired by quality models like the Ceed hatchback (pictured), and May was a record month with 5,604 registrations – 8.27 per cent up on May 2012.

Vauxhall fuels weekend event

CAR- and van-buyers at Vauxhall's The Big Event weekend (ends Monday, June 17) get £500 free fuel.

This is on top of other offers that also include free insurance on some Corsa superminis and zero per cent finance deals.

The free fuel deal even extends to the brand's newest additions, the sleek Cascada convertible (pictured) and the chic Adam city car.

A more British Toyota brand

STARTING production of the smart new Auris Touring Sports at its Derbyshire plant, Burnaston, means Toyota has enhanced its status as a 'UK brand' – it also produces Auris hatchback and bigger Avensis family models there.

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For more about this liberating scheme for disabled people, see inside this supplement.

ON THE ROAD: Car-buyers with disabilities have the same range of choices as any able-bodied person, thanks to Motability... from the economy and chic style of a supermini like the latest Renault Clio (main picture) to the load-carrying style of a Hyundai i30 Tourer

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CHOICES: Motability users can opt for sporty models like the Alfa Romeo Giulietta, or its German family hatchback rival, the VW Golf – seen here in its new estate guise – or a smart MPV like the Kia Carens

Crushing the Invacar stigma

GOVERNMENT transport aid for the disabled used to be limited strictly to those who could drive themselves.

And this was usually a notoriously unstable blue three-wheeler with room for the driver only – not much use for families.

It all changed in 1978 with the launch of the Government-backed Motability charity, which calculated an allowance that disabled people could use towards a vehicle of their choice, removing the stigma of the blue Invacar – finally outlawed from UK roads in 2003 – and also opening up transport to people who relied on others to drive them.

Since then, more than three million cars, scooters and powered wheelchairs have been sourced through Motability, allowing disabled people to go shopping, do voluntary work, visit friends, go to the doctor, do sport, give a family member a lift, or go on holiday – all things the motoring majority takes for granted.

Some users have even been able to take up further education or pursue better jobs and careers, having been liberated by their new mobility.

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Focusing on the right car for you

MOTABILITY choice is excellent but can be daunting, so here are some of the pros and cons of the different vehicle categories.

Small cars

Tend to have lower advance payments, running costs and CO_2 emissions than larger vehicles. Two- to three-door cars generally have wider doors with larger opening angles.

These may make access easier, but closing the door and fitting into narrow parking spaces may be harder, while four- to five-door cars benefit from superior back-seat access – useful if you often have more than one passenger.

Medium cars

Often sold as hatchbacks like the VW Golf, these will have a slightly bigger boot than a standard small car. The same three or five doors question applies as for small cars.

Family cars

Large four-door saloons or five-door hatchbacks, which are considerably larger than medium-sized cars.

Hatchbacks usually have more boot capacity.

Estate cars

Usually longer than a standard saloon or hatchback, with useful space for mobility aids in the boot, but this can add to the car's bulk, so make sure you check it out first with a test drive.

WHAT'S IT TO BE? A trendy crossover like the Nissan Qashqai... or perhaps the newly-launched third-generation Skoda Octavia family model is more to your taste?

Multi-purpose vehicles (MPV)

Ranging from small to large, MPVs can seat up to nine people. The seats are higher, with more headroom, legroom and width. Some have large sliding side-doors.

Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) and 4x4s

The term 4x4 usually describes vehicles designed for off-road use, which generally have higher ground clearance.

Until recently, all 4x4s had four-wheel-drive, but many people now buy for the SUV styling and opt for front-wheel-drive-only to save fuel.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs)

These are cars converted to carry passengers travelling in their wheelchair or those who wish to drive from a wheelchair.

WAVs may be best if you have trouble getting in and out of the car from your wheelchair and would prefer to remain in it when travelling as a passenger.

WAVs come in different sizes and have many standard features.

The Motability website has a specific WAV search feature.

Coupés, roadsters and cabriolets

Coupés are small and sporty-looking, seating either two or four people, but may be compromised for disabled users due to their two-door format, low and cramped seating and smaller boot.

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To qualify for this offer you must be in receipt of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement. Advance Payment (AP) valid for applications to Motability for 1st March to 30th June 2013. Models shown are Citigo 3 door SE 1.0 MPI 60PS 5spd Manual with optional metallic paint (£460), Style Pack 2 with 15" Auriga alloys and temporary spare wheel (£550) and Winter Pack incl. front fog lights, heated front seats and electrically adjustable. door mirrors (£300). Fabia Hatch shown is SE 1.2 12V 69PS 5spd Manual with optional metallic paint (£495), black protective side moulding (£50), 16" Elba alloy wheels (£230), front fog lights (£170). Rapid shown is Elegance 1.2 TSI 105PS with optional metallic paint (£495) and protective side moulding (£75). Roomster shown is S 1.2 12V 69PS 5spd Manual with optional metallic paint (£495), front fog lights (£170), Black roof rails (£230) and Black protective side moulding (£50). Superb shown is Elegance with optional metallic paint (£495) and 18" 'Luxon' alloys (free of charge). Selected models only available from stock. Yeti shown is Elegance with optional metallic paint (£495) and 17" 'Annapurna' polished alloys (£100).

Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the ŠKODA range: Urban 19.2 (14.7) – 68.9 (4.1), Extra Urban 36.2 (7.8) – 94.2 (3.0), Combined 27.7 (10.2) – 83.1 (3.4). CO_2 emissions 237 – 89 g/km. Standard EU Test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results.

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Yaris SR 1.33 VVT-i 5 door manual. Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 41.5 (6.8), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7), Combined 51.4 (5.5). CO_2 Emissions 127g/km. The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results. These are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.

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* Offers valid until 30 June 2013 at participating dealers only. Nil advance payment applies to New Micra 1.2 Acenta CVT. Nil advance payment applies to Note 1.6 Acenta Auto. Models subject to availability. Written details available on request. The facilities offered are for the hire (bailment) of goods. To qualify for this offer you must be in receipt of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance. This is a trademark of Motability, registered charity 299745. Model shot shown is for illustration purposes only. Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd, The Rivers Office Park, Denham Way, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 9YS.

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You will be required to work 40 hours per week, Monday to Sunday.

If you believe you have the skills and knowledge required for this position, please send a Cv to **Spencer Grimwade, Operations Director**.

Closing date for applications:
Tuesday 25th June

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

nationalgrid

Richborough Connection Project

Public consultation events

We'd like your views on our proposal for a new energy infrastructure project

National Grid is the company that owns and maintains the high-voltage electricity network in England and Wales.

At National Grid, our job is to connect people to the energy they use, whether to heat and light homes, or to keep factories and offices running. As old power stations close, we need to join new sources of energy to our network, so that electricity continues to be available to us all at the flick of a switch.

One of these new sources of energy is the Nemo Link®, an electricity link between Zeebrugge in Belgium to Richborough near Sandwich in Kent.

There is no National Grid high-voltage electricity network in the Richborough area, so we will need to build a new connection to join Richborough to our existing network. This new infrastructure project is called the 'Richborough Connection'.

This summer we are hosting consultation events at which you can find out more about the Richborough Connection project and provide us with your thoughts and views.

Your comments are really important to us, so please get involved in the consultation and let us know what you think at the events below:

Date	Venue	Time
Wed 26 June	Chislet Centre	2pm – 7pm
Thurs 27 June	Monkton Village Hall	2pm – 8pm
Fri 28 June	Broad Oak Village Hall	2pm – 8pm
Sat 29 June	Ash Village Hall	10am – 4pm
Thurs 4 July	BayPoint Leisure Centre, Richborough	2pm – 8pm
Fri 5 July	Hersden Community Centre	2pm – 8pm
Sat 6 July	St Stephen's Church Hall, Canterbury	10am – 4pm
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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF SWALE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No.7A/7B) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL intend to make the above Orders under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will Amend the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Swale) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2010 by;

(a) amending the times for the existing loading bay across the frontage of 38b and 39 Stone Street, Faversham to Monday to Saturday, 8.00am to 6.30pm.

(b) extending the existing double yellow lines in Oare Road between the junctions of Seager Road and Lakeside Avenue in Oare, extending the existing double yellow lines on the west side of the Queenborough Road cul-de-sac, Minster, to improve traffic movements.

(c) introducing waiting restrictions on all days between 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm at the west end of High Street, Eastchurch to prevent long term parking of vehicles advertised for sale, and Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 5pm between Lansdown Road and Landowne Primary School, including the Lansdown Road junction, in Sittingbourne to improve vehicle movements at school drop off and collection times.

(d) amending the existing 20 minute waiting limit to 60 minutes in East Street, Sittingbourne to assist customers visiting shops.

(e) establishing new parking places for disabled persons vehicles (blue badge holders) in Abbey Street (25), Blenheim Avenue (10 & 12), Canterbury Road (Lavender Cottage), Lionfield (73), and Stone Street (17), Faversham, Shellness Road (near Village Hall) and Wing Road (near Village Hall), Leysdown, Fleetwood Close (34) and Miller Court (2), Minster, North Road (4 Jubilee Crescent), Queenborough, Granville Road (2), Jefferson Road (50), Marine Parade (105) and Vincent Gardens (45), Sheerness, and Brier Road (5), Charlotte Street (126), Fairleas (23), Middletune Avenue (7), Oak Road (69), Park Road (151A), Regis Crescent (35), Ridham Avenue (58), Shortlands Road (45) and Stanhope Avenue (51), Sittingbourne.

(f) revoking redundant disabled parking places in Kingsnorth Road (18), School Road (9/10), St Mary's Road (142) and Whitstable Road (116), Faversham, and Barrow Grove (59), Park Road (222/224), Portland Avenue (5) and Victoria Road (36), Sittingbourne

The Order will include some wording changes of an administrative matter which will make no alterations to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map and a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Borough Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT, Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NY, or Sheerness Gateway Offices, 38-42 High Street, Sheerness, ME12 1NL during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to a proposed Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Technical Services, Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT 12 noon on 8th July 2013.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Swale Borough Council (01795 417061) during normal office hours.

This Notice is published by Swale Borough Council on behalf of Kent County Council Highways, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 2XQ.

PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

Proposed relocation of Laleham Gap (Community Special) School and proposed increase in designated number

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Laleham Gap (Community Special) School, Northdown Park Road, Margate, Kent CT9 2TP (Secondary Department) and 1 Southcliffe Road, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1TJ (Primary Department).

It is proposed to relocate Laleham Gap School from both its current sites to a single site at New Haine Road in Ramsgate, in new school buildings, with a target date for occupation of January 2015. The current designated number for the school is 152 and it is proposed to increase the number to 170 (48 places for pupils aged 3 to 11 years, 122 places for pupils aged 11 to 16 years and would include 30 residential places).

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS and on line at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations .

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer at the above address or by email to school.consultations@kent.gov.uk by 28 July 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 16 June 2013

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Notice of application for Grant of a premises licence

Notice is hereby given that THATCHED BARN LTD has applied to Dover District Council for the grant of a premises licence for:

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2) To enable the sale of alcohol for extended hours at Bank Holidays and on other limited days as specified in the application
3) To enable Regulated Entertainment to be provided within the Premises, as specified in the application.
4) To enable the provision of hot food and drink after 23:00 hours and before 05:00 hours

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.dover.gov.uk or at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ tel.01304 872295, by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit relevant representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by: 25th June 2013

Dated: 30th May 2013

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing Objectives: the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: COUNCILLORS' AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE April 2012 to March 2013

Notice is hereby given that the payments made to members' (elected councillors and co-opted members) of Shepway District Council during the financial year 2012-13 in respect of basic, special responsibility, co-optee's and travel and subsistence and other allowances were as follows:

Councillor (£)	Basic Allowance (£)	Special Responsibility Allowance (£)	Co-optees (£)	Travel/Subsistence and Other Allowances (£)	Total (£)
Hugh Barker	3,867.00	8,807.04			12,674.04
Tristan Allen	1,943.90				1,943.90
Lynne Beaumont	1,374.93				1,374.93
Keren Belcourt	3,867.00	8,807.04		942.55	13,616.59
Robert Bliss	3,867.00	21,245.04		1562.73	26,674.77
George Bunting	3,867.00	502.67			4,369.67
Susan Carey	3,867.00				3,867.00
Pamela Carr	3,867.00	8,807.04		948.15	13,622.19
Ann Berry	3,867.00				3,867.00
Alan Clifton-Holt	3,867.00	8,807.04			12,674.04
John Collier	3,867.00				3,867.00
Brian Copping	3,867.00	1,333.80		471.30	5,672.10
Victoria Dawson	3,867.00			401.40	4,268.40
Malcolm Dearden	3,867.00	8,807.04		35.00	12,709.04
Anthony Dunning	3,867.00	999.96			4,866.96
Alan Ewart-James	3,867.00	999.96		206.40	5,073.36
Peter Gane	3,867.00	502.67			4,369.67
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Michael Lyons	3,867.00	999.96		638.64	5,505.60
Paul Marsh	3,867.00	3,573.24			7,440.24
Philip Martin	3,867.00	999.96			4,866.96
Terence Mullard	3,867.00			292.05	4,159.05
David Monk	3,867.00	8,807.04		949.64	13,623.68
Peter Monk	3,867.00	3,679.91			7,546.91
Shirley Newlands	3,867.00	1,388.04		232.00	5,487.04
Alan North	3,867.00	999.96			4,866.96
David Owen	3,867.00	3,956.04			7,823.04
Richard Pascoe	3,867.00	1,388.04			5,255.04
Stuart Peall	3,867.00	8,807.04			12,674.04
Roger West	3,867.00	999.96			4,866.96
Emily Arnold	3,867.00				3,867.00
David Stephenson	3,867.00			170.13	4,037.13
Russell Tillson	3,867.00	8,807.04		215.76	12,889.80
Susan Wallace	3,867.00				3,867.00
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David Ellerby			600.04	13.50	613.54
Chris Harman			866.60		866.60
Janet Waghorn			600.04	12.40	612.44
Valerie Cooney			162.24		162.24
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Notes: Basic Allowance recognises the time devoted by all councillors to their work, including meetings of the Council, Cabinet, committees and sub-committees, representation of the Council on outside bodies, meetings with constituents and all incidental costs; Special Responsibility Allowances recognise the time devoted by those councillors who have significant extra responsibilities (eg leadership of the Council and of political groups, membership of the Cabinet and chairmanship of committees), but also reflec
Co-optees' allowance recognise the time devoted by those co-opted members who serve on the Standards Committee of the Council but who are not elected members of the Council; the allowance also reflect an element of voluntary public service; All payments made are gross amounts which are subject to deduction of tax where appropiate.

J A Stewart, Chief Executive
The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

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PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/13/0455/S - THE OAST UNIT 6, WARMLAKE BUSINESS ESTATE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3LQ - Installation of two ground floor windows to eastern roundel. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0456/S - THE OAST UNIT 6, WARMLAKE BUSINESS ESTATE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3LQ - Listed building consent for the installation of two ground floor windows to eastern roundel. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0544/N - LOCK HOUSE, ALLINGTON LOCK, CASTLE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0LU - Erection of 2 log cabins for use as camping units on short term let. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0698/S - 2, FERMOR COTTAGES, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AN - Listed building consent for the erection of replacement conservatory. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0710/N - THE MOUNT, CHURCH LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4EF - Erection of new dwelling with associated works. **Reason: 2**

MA/13/0711/N - THE MOUNT, CHURCH LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4EF - Conservation area consent for the demolition of 1(no) greenhouse and 2(no) outbuildings to facilitate erection of new dwelling. **Reason: 4**

MA/13/0718/S - WESTREE COURT, ROWLAND CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8HQ - Demolition of existing buildings (comprising 134 bedrooms of student accommdation) and erection of a new two, three and five-storey development to provide 36 units of social housing comprising 10 1-bed flats, 15 2-bed flats, 5 2-bed houses,4 3-bed houses and 2 4-bed houses with associated parking, vehicular and pedestrian access and landscaping. **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/13/0782/S - LAKE HOUSE, IDEN PARK, CRANBROOK ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0ES - Installation of swimming pool, tennis court and fencing. **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/13/0807/N - LYLE'S YARD, BICKNOR LANE, BICKNOR, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 8BA - two storey extension to east elevation. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0808/N - LYLE'S YARD, BICKNOR LANE, BICKNOR, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 8BA - An application for listed building consent for two storey extension to east elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0834/S - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4PN - Installation of external stainless steel window guards to Nave and Vestry windows. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0837/S - HENIKERS, HENIKER LANE, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EE - Three bay detached garage with rear garden store and store room over. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0851/S - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4PN - An application for Listed building consent for the Installation of external stainless steel window guards to Nave and Vestry windows. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0855/S - 1, CAPE COTTAGES, CHURCH STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BU - Replacement rear door. **Reason: 2**

MA/13/0884/N - 16, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1HT - Installation of an ATM. **Reason: 2**

MA/13/0893/N - 11-17, UPPER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6EU - Change of use of upper floors to create 2 (no) flats. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0905/N - KNIGHTRIDER HOUSE, KNIGHTRIDER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LU - Change of use from Office (Use Class B1) to dual office and health use (Use Classes B1 and D1) and internal and external alterations. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0906/N - KNIGHTRIDER HOUSE, KNIGHTRIDER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LU - Application for listed building consent for internal and external alterations to facilitate change of use from Office (Use Class B1) to dual office and health use (Use Classes B1 and D1). **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0921/S - MOTORLINE RENAULT, 2, HART STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8RA - Partial (almost complete) demolition of existing car dealership and construction of two storey restaurant with associated drive-thru, car parking and associated works (resubmission of MA/12/1843). **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0926/S - 2, OLD LOOSE CLOSE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BJ - Erection of a hipped roof to existing flat roof addition of front elevation, installation of tile hanging to replace UPVC cladding and erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/13/0930/N - FAIRBOURNE MANOR, FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1LN - Retrospective application for listed building consent for the erection of new porches and an infill extension. **Reason: 1, 3**

MA/13/0941/S - 22, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8RT - Redevelop redundant site for a housing association supported affordable residential development scheme that comprises 37 flats, associated car parking and cycle storage. **Reason: 6, 9**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **30th June 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 16th June 2013

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING APPLICATIONS
LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS
CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/00273 Installation of a cooling system
The Magistrates Court, Pencester Road, Dover, CT16 1BS **CAF**

DOV/13/00401 Erection of a two storey front extension (fronting Chapel Street), external staircase and gates, creation of car parking and associated works
Site Adjoining, 2 Chapel Street, Deal, CT14 6JG **SLC**

DOV/13/00418 Erection of a detached dwelling
1 Templar Road, Temple Ewell, Dover, CT16 3DL **CAF**

Reason for Advert Codes:-
CAF - Affecting a Conservation Area
SLC - Affects the setting of a Listed Building & Conservation Area

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

PLANNING

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00611/FUL: 14 Mill Road, Sturry, CT2 0AF Erection of a scaffold framed storage facility for machinery and plant. **Applicant: Canterbury and District Angling Club** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00891/FUL: 40 St Stephen's Court, Canterbury, CT2 7JP Installation of window to rear elevation of first-floor apartment. **Applicant: Mr Tim Jackson** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00909/FUL: 23 Woodlawn Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HH Replacement of existing UPVC casement type tilt and open windows to front and side of property with UPVC Spectus Vertical Slider sash windows with Ovolo finishing, horns and Astregal bars. **Applicant: Mrs Kennaugh** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00944/FUL: Hooden Horse House, The Street, Wickhambreaux, CT3 1RN New roof to replace existing lean-to roof, new porch to rear and fold back doors to rear. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs S Downes** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00953/LB: The Swan Inn, High Street, Sturry, CT2 0BD Conversion of roofspace to residential attic store and insertion of staircase to attic store. **Applicant: Augustus Moon LLP** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00956/ADV: Halifax, 149-151 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5HS Installation of one internally illuminated 830mmH fascia sign, Installation of one internally illuminated 500mmH projecting sign, Installation of one internally illuminated ATM surround sign **Applicant: Lloyds Banking Group** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00994/LB: Mystole House, Mystole Lane, Chartham Removal of a redundant water header tank occupying a room in a flat within the property. **Applicant: Mr Johnson** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/01000/FUL: Dempseys Removals, Diamond Road, Whitstable, CT5 1LN Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of block of 22 flats with associated car parking and amenity space. **Applicant: McCullochs** Reason: Major development.
CA//13/01010/FUL: 190 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5AP Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mrs J White** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/01019/LB: 62 Borstal Hill, Whitstable, CT5 4NA Internal alterations to listed building incorporating removal of bar and insulation of door to cellar to facilitate change of use from public house to dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Kohls** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/01020/FUL: 62 Borstal Hill, Whitstable, CT5 4NA Change of use of public house to dwelling incorporating removal of bar and insulation of door to cellar. No alterations will be made to amend the character or appearance of the external surfaces or internal. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Kohls** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//13/01029/FUL: Elderberry Cottage, The Street, Barham, CT4 6NY Demolition of existing garage and replacement with detached building to provide ancillary living accommodation and garages. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Bacon** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/01035/FUL: 51-52 St Dunstans Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BS Change of use to property from Use Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) to Use Class A5 (hot food takeaway) and minor external alterations comprising installation of plant. **Applicant: Papa John's (GB) Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/01036/LB: 51-52 St Dunstans Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BS Change of use to property from Use Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) to Use Class A5 (Hot food takeaway) and minor external alterations comprising installation of plant. **Applicant: Papa John's (GB) Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/01037/ADV: Unit B, Clock Tower Square, 25-39 St George's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2HP Two new internally illuminated 'Wordmark' logo signs, two internally illuminated ATM collars and an internal window poster display unit. **Applicant: Lloyds Banking Group** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/01042/VAR: Land to rear of 17-19 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AP Variation of condition 14 (code for sustainable homes) in respect of planning application CA/12/00699/FUL. **Applicant: Wedgewood Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/01043/CAC: Elderberry Cottage, The Street, Barham, CT4 6NY Demolition of existing garage. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Bacon** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//13/01063/FUL: 22 Island Road, Upstreet, Chislet, CT3 4DA Detached double garage and associated works. **Applicant: Mr Hazard** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//13/01066/FUL: 14 Cages Close, Whitstable, CT5 4FD New window inserted to side wall of ground floor flat **Applicant: Mrs Jean West** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 8 July 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 14 June 2013

Public Notice

16 June 2013

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Audit of accounts year ended 31 March 2013

Audit Commission Act 1998, sections 15-16

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011
Regulations 9, 10, 21, 22 & 24

The council's accounts are subject to external audit by Andy Mack of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 8 July to 2 August between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday any person may inspect the accounts of the council for the year ended 31 March 2013 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From 9am on 5 August 2013 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 9am on 5 August 2013 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the council, or his/her representative, may object to the council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/01461/HOUSE Weavers Cottage Mill Street, Benenden
- Demolition of garage and construction of replacement garage with annexe accommodation (LB)

13/01503/LBC The Oast Barn Hale Farm, Capel
- Listed Building Consent: Conservation rooflight on north west elevation (LB)

13/01534/LBC County Cookshops 2 And 3 Bell Vue, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent - Part removal of modern wall to create opening between both shops (LB)

13/01453/HOUSE 4 Hollyshaw Camden Park, Pantiles & St Marks
- Part Retrospective - Enlargement of basement window and outside area; Reinstatement of basement room (CA)

13/01482/FUL 8 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- New roof light, replacement window to rear service yard, replacement shop frontage and 28.8sqm additional B1 office use (CA)

13/01466/FUL Ganderhay Camden Park, Park
- Demolition of existing two-storey 3-bed house and garage and erection of three-storey, 5-bedroom house (CA)

13/01529/HOUSE The Cottage 14 Calverley Park Gardens, Park
- Remove existing conservatory and flat roof extension. Proposed one and a half storey extension and general internal alterations. New single garage with pitched roof (CA)

13/01241/FUL Land Adjacent London Road, Southborough Town Council
- Replacement 12.5 metre high pole. Installation of 2 no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development (MAST) (CA)

13/01538/FUL 26 Prospect Park Southborough, Southborough Town Council
- Replacement dwelling with detached garage block (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 15 June 2013

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh Shepway District Council

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0527/SH - Flat A 38 Earls Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2HE - Installation of replacement uPVC double glazed windows throughout together with this enlargement of the existing front and rear central bay window to form doors.

Y13/0464/SH - The Limes 29A High Street Elham Canterbury Kent - Erection of a single storey side extension, replacement garden room and installation of roof heights in connection with conversion of loft space into additional living accommodation.

Y13/0482/SH+ - Hogs Green Sandling Road Sandling Hythe Kent - Change of use and conversion of existing stables to two holiday lets and provision of associated parking together with erection of stables and barn

Y13/0541/SH - The Folkestone School for Girls Coolinge Lane Folkestone Kent CT20 3RB - Listed Building consent for new suspended ceiling to ground floor corridor

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/CA/0177/2013 - Proposed development at Plots D and E, Lakesview Business Park, Hersden, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 4GP

Ling UK Holdings Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for replacement and re-orientated non-ferrous metal building granted consent under CA/13/18 dated 15 April 2013.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the City Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 16th June 2013

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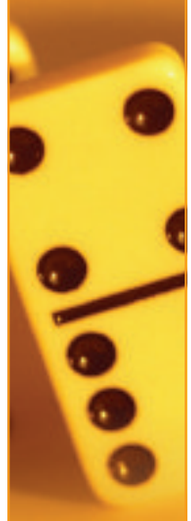

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS- CANTERBURY AREA

ORCHARD STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to cut a new valve into a water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Orchard Street, Canterbury, on or after 17 June 2013, for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed as shown below.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St Dunstan's Street.

The alternative route is via A290 St Dunstan's Street, London Road, St Dunstan's Terrace and Orchard Street.

MOLEHILL ROAD, CHESTFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Molehill Road, Chestfield, as follows.

Molehill Road will be closed between the junctions with Little Paddocks and Shrub Hill Road.

The closure is planned to commence from 1 July 2013 for an estimated period of up to 10 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Chestfield Road, A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Greenhill Road, Thornden Wood Road and Molehill Road.

ST LAWRENCE CLOSE & COWDREY PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Lawrence Close & Cowdrey Place, Canterbury, as follows.

ST LAWRENCE CLOSE will be closed for its entire length, planned to commence Monday 17 June 2013 for up to 3 days.

COWDREY PLACE, CANTERBURY will be closed for its entire length, planned to commence Monday 17 June 2013 for up to 6 days.

There are no alternative routes, as both roads are cul-de-sacs. Every effort will be made to maintain access when it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be times when the nature of works prevents this, and delays should be expected.

Waiting will be prohibited on both roads where and when the relevant signs and No Waiting cones are placed on site, which has the effect of suspending any existing parking bays in both roads.

Please note these dates differ from what was previously notified, due to a change in working methods.

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

BOB DUNN WAY AND MARSH STREET, NORTH, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013 SECTION 16A

Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic to accommodate the Bridge Triathlon on Marsh Street north, and eastbound traffic on Bob Dunn Way, on or after 23rd June 2013 between the hours of 5am and 10am or until the Event has been completed.

Westbound vehicle traffic will be reduced to 50mph for the duration of the event on Bob Dunn Way.

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Hythe Street, Westgate Road, Home Garden, East Hill, The Brent, London Road, St Clements Way Crossways Boulevard, Littlebrook Manor Way, Binnie Road and Brunel Way.

VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after 1st July 2013 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

DARTFORD

BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD - closed between Marsh Street Roundabout and Burnham Road Roundabout.

2nd July 2013 for 17 nights (excluding weekends) - 7.00pm until 5.00am

Diversion will be Burnham Road, Hythe Street, The Brent, London Road, Crossways Boulevard and Bob Dunn Way.

WEST HILL, DARTFORD - closed between Highfield Road and Shepherds Lane.

25th July 2013 for 10 nights (excluding weekends) - 7.00pm until 2.00am

Diversion will be Shepherds Lane, Princes Road, Lowfield Street, Market Street, Overy Liberty, Home Gardens and Highfield Road.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND

NEW ROAD GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of installation of a bulk water meter, Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting through traffic on New Road, Gravesend, on or after 3rd July 2013 for up to 1 night between the hours of 20.00 and 00.00 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Darnley Road and Stuart Road (westbound only).

There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions

The alternative route is via Bath Street, West Street, Thames Way, London road and Overcliff.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

ROCK HILL, WELL HILL, SHOREHAM, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage works to control springwater and repair the drainage system, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rock Hill, Well Hill, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, on or after 1st July 2013 for up to 14 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Well Hill to Pump Lane. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Well Hill, Skeet Hill Lane, Skibbs Lane, Bucks Cross Road, Hawstead Lane.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY (SURFACE DRESSING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing dressing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various rural roads in the Shepway District, on or after 18 June 2013, as follows.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Roads will be closed between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day and otherwise re-opened.

B2080 RHEE WALL ROAD & STATION ROAD closed between Ashford Road and Station Road

18 & 19 June 2013

Alternative Route via Rhee Wall, A2070 Ashford Road, Marsh Road, The Street, B2067 Warehorne Road, Kenardington Road, Warehorne Road, Kenardington Road, Brook Street, Woodchurch Road, Appledore Road, Reading Street, Tenterden Road, The Street and Station Road

BOWDELL LANE, BRENZETT closed from Rhee Wall Road to approximately 50 metres north of level crossing

19 June 2013

B2080 Rhee Wall Road, King Street and Brack Lane

KENNARDS LANE, SNARGATE closed between Brack Lane and King Street

19 June 2013

Alternative route via Brack Lane, Beckett Road, Harvey Road and King Street

BRACK LANE, SNARGATE closed between Beckett Road and Kennards Lane

19 June 2013

Alternative route via Beckett Road, Harvey Road, King Street and Kennards Lane

HARVEY ROAD, BROOKLAND closed between A259 Rye Road and Beckett Road

19 & 20 June 2013

Alternative route via A259 Rye Road and Beckett Road

BOARMAN'S LANE, BROOKLAND closed between Tickners Lane and Royal Oak Lane

20 June 2013

Alternative route via Royal Oak Lane, High Street, A259 Brookland Bypass, Straight Lane, Rhee Wall and Tillery Lane

BEGGARSBUSH LANE, OLD ROMNEY closed between Eighteen Acre Lane and Washington Lane

20 June 2013

Alternative route via A259 Rhee Wall, Tillery Lane, Barnhouse Lane, Ashentee Lane, road from Hook Wall to Midley Wall, Coldharbour Lane and Beggarsbush Lane

DENGEMARSH ROAD, LYDD closed from Tourney Road to Dengemarsh Farm

20 June 2013

There is no alternative route; every effort will be made to maintain as much access as possible, but there will be some times when the nature of works prevents this, and some delays should be expected

CHURCH ROAD, BURMARSH closed between Tame Lane and Burmarsh Road

20 June 2013

Alternative route via Church Road, Gigger's Green Road, Lower Wall Road, Donkey Street and Thorndike Road

LOWER WALL ROAD, BURMARSH closed between Giggers Green Road and Tame Lane

20 & 21 June 2013

Alternative route via Gigger's Green Road, Eastbridge Road, High Street, Burmarsh Road , Donkey Street and Lower Wall Road

B2067 ALDINGTON ROAD, LYMPNE closed from Upper Park Farm to 200 metres west of the junction with Otterpool Lane

21 June 2013

Alternative route via B2067 Otterpool Lane, A20 Barrow Hill, Main Road, Ashford Road, Hythe Road, Station Road, Evegate Mill Lane, Calleywell Lane and Roman Road

B2067 OTTERPOOL LANE, LYMPNE closed between A20 Ashford Road to Aldington Road

21 & 22 June 2013

Alternative route via A20 Ashford Road, Stone Street and B2067 Aldington Road

HARRINGE LANE, SELLINDGE closed between A20 Main Road and Aldington Road

22 June 2013

Alternative route via A20 Main Road, Barrow Hill, Ashford Road, Stone Street and B2067 Aldington Road

BRABOURNE LANE, STOWTING & CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE closed between Stowting Hill and Scots Lane

22 June 2013

Alternative route via Stowting Hill, Stowting Court Road and Scots Lane

LOUGHBOROUGH LANE, LYMINGE closed between Brady Road and Broad Street

22 & 23 June 2013

Alternative route via Brady Road, Canterbury Road, Station Road, Broad Street and Loughborough Lane

BRADY ROAD, LYMINGE closed between Woodland Road and Loughborough Lane

23 June 2013

Alternative route via Brady Road, Canterbury Road, Station Road, Broad Street and Loughborough Lane

BOYKE LANE, ELHAM closed between Canterbury Road and White Horse Lane

23 June 2013

Alternative route via Canterbury Road, Longage Hill and White Horse Lane

EXTED HILL, ELHAM closed between Park Lane and Clavertye

23 and 24 June 2013

Alternative route via Magpie Lane, White Horse Lane, Longage Hill, Canterbury Road, New Road, High Street and Park Lane

FISHERS LANE, STELLING MINNIS closed between Fryarne Park and Fir Tree Hill

24 June 2013

Alternative route via Fryarne Park, Gildridge Hill, Wildage & Madams Bottom and Fir Tree Hill

VERSHALL LANE, ELHAM closed between Bunkers Hill and Holly Hill

24 June 2013

Alternative route via Bunkers Hill and the un-named road to North Elham Hill

HOLLY HILL, ELHAM closed for its entire length

24 June 2013

Alternative route via North Elham Hill and the un-named road between North Elham Hill and Bunkers Hill

UN-NAMED ROAD between NORTH ELHAM HILL & BUNKERS HILL closed between Bunkers Hill and North Elham Hill

24 June 2013

Alternative route via road from Bunkers Hill to Canterbury Road and North Elham Hill

WICK LANE, ELHAM closed between Standard Hill Top to Oak Hill

24 June 2013

Alternative route via Standard Hill Top, Lickpot Hill and Oak Hill

TAN BARN ROAD, LYMINGE closed between Mackie Lane and Acrise Park Road

24 June 2013

Alternative route via Mackie Lane, Teddars Leas Road, Paddlesworth Court, Winterage Lane and Acrise Park Road

GIBRALTAR LANE, HAWKINGE closed between Elvington Lane and Crete Road West

24 June 2013

Alternative route via Elvington Lane, Aerodrome Road, A260 Spitfire Way, Canterbury Road and Crete Road West

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent some works going ahead on the dates shown. For any that are postponed, revised dates will be notified locally and signposted on site.

Certain roads may need a brief repeat closure 1-2 weeks after the closures shown above, to allow for replacement of lining, with closures notified by signage on site.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

CLOCK HOUSE LEVEL CROSSING, BOUGHTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clock House Level Crossing, Boughton, Faversham, as follows.

Clockhouse Lane, Boughton will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing, with no access for through traffic.

The closure is planned to commence from Sunday 7 July at 19:00 hours through until Monday 8 July at 05:00 hours

The alternative route is via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

OSPRINGE ROAD, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of bridge refurbishment works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2040 Ospringe Road, Faversham, as follows.

Ospringe Road will be closed for a distance of up to 20 metres either side of the railway bridge.

The closure is planned to commence from 1 July 2013 for an estimated period of up to 10 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Ospringe Road, South Road, North Lane, Court Street, Crescent Road, B2041 Newton Road, Station Road, Forbes Road, The Mall and A2 London Road.

VICARAGE LANE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvements to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vicarage Lane, Faversham, on or after 17 June 2013, as shown below.

Vicarage Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the properties Flint Cottage and Round Oast Cottage, to the north of the M2, with local access from either direction up to the point of closure, but no through access.

Works are planned to commence from 17 June 2013 to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Water Lane, A2 London Road and Brogdale Road.

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways & Transportation, on 0300 333 5539 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

GEORGE HILL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access to underground phone cables, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of George Hill Road, Broadstairs, on or after 17 June 2013, as shown below.

George Hill Road will be closed between the junctions with Whiteness Road and Convent Road (please note this is not the B2052 section of George Hill Road).

Works are planned to commence from 17 June 2013 to 1 night, between 21:00 hours through until 06:00 hours.

The alternative route is via B2052 Whiteness Road, Kingsgate Bay Road and Convent Road.

MANSTON AIRSHOW (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and to reduce traffic congestion during the Manston Airshow, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit through traffic on B2050 Manston Road, Manston, as shown below.

This applies on Saturday 22 June 2013, between 07:30 hours and 19:00 hours.

B2050 Manston Road will be closed to through traffic (with the exception of buses) between the junctions with Spitfire Way and Manston Court Road.

B2050 Manston Road will be closed to all through traffic between the junctions with Alland Grange Lane and Spitfire Way.

Access for residents of Esmonde Drive will remain from Alland Grange Lane direction.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

SANDY LANE, RYARSH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to clear a pond to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandy Lane, Ryarsh, on or after 1 July 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A20 London Road for a length of 40m.

The alternative route is via Norman Road, West Street, High Street, Town Hill, A20 London Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

AMENDMENT NO. 4 ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

1) Implement a 40MPH Speed Limit on Lucks Hill from a point 52 metres east of its junction with Lavenders road to a point 190 metres west of its junction with Winterfield Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 17/06/2013, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 16th June 2013

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PLANNING

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
5. The application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 01 JULY 2013

SW/12/1604:
Change of use of land from agriculture to the keeping of horses for recreational purposes along with erection of a stable block comprising 3 loose boxes, tack room, hay & implement stores and construction of access road - Ivy Cottage, Dane Lane, HARTLIP; **REASONS 2 & 3**

SW/12/1613:
Removal of condition (ii) of planning permission SW/87/1191 (use as a chalet park and construction of holiday chalet) to permit 12 month occupancy of chalets - Parklands Village, The Broadway, MINSTER; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0271:
Proposed external decking area above existing garage for private residential use - Brian's Warehouse, Beach Street, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0425:
To replace existing all timber windows both left and right elevations to the rear with UPVC windows - The Faversham Club, Gatefield Lane, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0436:
Replacement windows and door at the front of the property, door to be recessed from front elevation - 7 Cambridge Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0508:
Conversion of integral garage to extend kitchen and create play area with new bi-folding doors - 27 Provender Walk, Belvedere Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0561:
Two storey side and rear extension - 6 Paradise Cottages, Lower Hartlip Road, HARTLIP; **REASON 2**

SW/13/0564 & SW/13/0692:
Single storey extension to north west corner and existing rear small room converted into disabled toilet/kitchen - The Assembly Rooms, Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/13/0653:
Conversion of rural building to residential use, plus new single bay garage, access from Vicarage Lane and garden area - Kentish Barn, Mutton Lane/Vicarage Lane, OSPRINGE; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0660:
Change of use as demonstration gardens with incidental buildings and associated parking - Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Road, OSPRINGE; **REASONS 2, 3 & 6**

SW/13/0671:
Outline planning permission for erection of detached three-bed dwelling with details of appearance and landscaping reserved - 7 Muddy Lane, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0680:
Application to vary condition (15) (facing materials), condition (17) (BREEAM standard) and condition (24) (external lighting) of planning permission SW/12/0816 for the re-location of Nicholls Transport from Lydbrook Close, Sittingbourne to land north of Swale Way, Sittingbourne - Land North of Swale Way/Adj Grovehurst Road, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASONS 3 & 5**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH AB24 IN THE PARISH OF TENTERDEN

PUBLIC FOOTPATH AB24 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath AB24, between its junction with Church Road and Station Road from the 1st July 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before September 2013.

The path is to be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Faye Faiers

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AW325 AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW306A IN THE PARISH OF KINGSNORTH

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AW325 AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW306A)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 21st December 2009, and subsequently extended until 21 June 2013, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from the Public Bridleway AW325 and Public Footpath AW306A has been extended for a further 6 months until 21st December 2013.

Public Bridleway AW325 will be closed between NGR TR017 388 (from the east side of the bridge over the A2070), and NGR TR 020 397 (Bilham Farm) for a distance of approximately 1020 metres. Public Footpath AW306A will be closed between NGR TR 018 390 and Bilham Farm NGR TR 024 391 for a distance of approximately 667 metres.

An alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Faye Faiers

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IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(FOOTPATH AT268 AT WOODCHURCH)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

On 21st May 2013 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a footpath which commences on Rectory Close at NGR TQ 9408 3494 (point A on the Order plan) and initially runs in a south-easterly direction for 46.5 metres with a width of 5.5 metres; the path then turns to run in an east-south-easterly direction for 40 metres with a width of 2.9 metres; the path then turns to run in a northerly direction for 24 metres with a width of 2.5 metres where it terminates at the boundary of All Saints Church at NGR TQ 9415 3492 (point B on the Order plan) (between the points A and B). The path has a total length of 110.5 metres.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

This Order became operative as from 21st May 2013 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 16th June 2013 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH236A & KH308 IN THE PARISHES OF LEEDS, BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH236A & KH308

(PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 16A - C, AS INSERTED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 1

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpaths KH236A and KH308 between Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Ground NGR TQ 830 532 and Broomfield Road from 10:00am on Saturday the 13 July to 10:00pm on the 14 July 2013.

The paths will be closed to facilitate the holding of the Leeds Castle Open Air Concerts.

Safe and convenient alternative routes are available. The alternative routes that can be used by pedestrians are from the cricket pitch to Ashford Road via public footpath KH239; and from Burberry Lane to Broomfield Road via public footpaths KH238 and KH237.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mrs Olivia Bonham

Tel: 01622 221169

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see

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PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR338A IN THE PARISH OF WESTERHAM

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR338A) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 31st December 2012, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Public Footpath SR338A has been extended for a further 24 months.

The path is closed from Croydon Road to the stile on the boundary with Surrey, a distance of approximately 895 metres.

The alternative route is north, along the inside of the field hedge bordering Croydon Road, to the southern boundary of Old Gaysham Cottages then west along the border with Surrey and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Nicky Biddall

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH WB10 PUBLIC FOOTPATH WB10

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath WB10, between Addison Road and Sandhurst Road from the 10th June 2013.

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ASHES REMEMBERED

Spin legend took vital scalps in two dramatic Test series

By Greg Miles
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IT was more than 40 years ago that spinner Derek Underwood wrote his name into the history books with an incredible spell to square an Ashes series – he has also taken the winning wicket to win a series on Australian soil.

With the first Ashes Test under a month away (July 10-14), this paper is building up to the summer's biggest sporting occasion by reliving some of the best moments of previous encounters involving Kent cricketers – this week it is deadly spin bowler Underwood.

The 68-year-old was part of two memorable series: in 1968 on home soil, which ended all square, resulting in Australia retaining the urn; and in 1970/71 when he took the series-winning wicket Down Under as England won 2-0 on a trip full of drama.

After losing the 1968 First Test at Old Trafford by 159 runs, and with the following three ending in draws, England needed to restore some pride in the fifth and final match at The Oval, with Australia having already retained the urn.

Australia finished the fourth day on 13-2 in chasing 351 to win. It set up a tense final day that was forecast for thunderstorms and rain. The rain arrived at lunchtime with five wickets still remaining. Play eventually resumed at 4.45pm, leaving England just 75 minutes to steal an unlikely win.

"The fact we played was a miracle. We were unable to get a wicket and it looked to peter out into a tame draw," said Underwood. "Suddenly we got a wicket and we crowded the batsmen. The pressure we created was the reason they fell, not the wet wicket."

He finished the second innings with figures of 7-50, with four wickets in his final 27 balls, the final one in the penultimate over. England won by 226 runs.

"Players wouldn't play in those conditions now and umpires wouldn't allow it," he said. "It goes down as a historic game of cricket, with the drama surrounding it. I was branded a wet-wicket bowler who should play in a Test side as an insurance policy in case it rained. I didn't enjoy that."

The tour to Australia across December and January of '70 and '71 proved an equally dramatic affair, with the first-ever one-day international and Ray Illingworth hauling the England side back to the dressing room in a protest.

The First and Second Tests were drawn. The Third was abandoned and saw the first ODI arranged for what would have been the final day of play. England lost it by five wickets.

They bounced back in the Fourth at Sydney with a 229-run win. The Fifth Test was squeezed in as a replacement for the abandoned Third and ended in a draw, as did the Sixth. It came down to the Seventh Test, which England won by 62 runs, Underwood taking the winning wicket.

"That was an interesting trip. The whole tour from a cricket point of view is summed up when you say we had the best fast bowler in the world at the time – John Snow," said Underwood.

Controversy came in the seventh game as a bouncer from Snow hit Terry Jenner in the first innings. It resulted in abuse from the crowd and Illingworth taking his team back to the dressing room for their own safety. "It was one of the few bouncers Snow had bowled," said Underwood. "The umpires lost a bit of control and made a bigger fuss than should have been made.

"There were a few cans came on the field – we went off the field and we lost a little bit of equilibrium. We didn't play as well when we came out again.

"To win in Australia against Australia is very sweet – it doesn't come better than that. It was always a positive to play a part in it."

TEAM-MATES: Kent duo Alan Knott, left, and Derek Underwood were part of the 1968 and 1970/71 Ashes series

Picture: ADY KERRY

KENT IN 1970/71 ASHES

Derek Underwood
Spin bowler
Bowling figures
Overs 194.6 **Wickets** 16 **Runs** 520
Best 4-66 **Maidens** 50 **Average** 32.50

Alan Knott
Wicketkeeper
Batting figures
Matches 6 **Innings** 9 **Runs** 222
High score 73 **Average** 31.71
Catches 22 **Stumpings** 3

Brian Luckhurst
Opening batsman
Batting figures
Matches 5 **Innings** 9 **Runs** 455
High score 131 **Average** 56.87

Colin Cowdrey
(vice-captain)
Top-order batsman
Batting figures
Matches 3 **Innings** 4 **Runs** 82
High score 40 **Average** 20.50

UNDERWOOD: WE MUST GUARD AGAINST COMPLACENCY IN ASHES TESTS

ENGLAND are favourites for this summer's Ashes, but Kent legend Derek Underwood feels that could be the home side's undoing.

The Aussies are seemingly in disarray, with batsman David Warner being disciplined after hitting England's Joe Root in a bar.

It happened on a night out following England's comprehensive win against Australia in their opening ICC Champions Trophy clash at Edgbaston and has resulted in Warner being suspended until the first Ashes Test, which starts on Wednesday, July 10. It means he will miss the remainder of the ICC CT.

They are already struggling with the bat, but Underwood feels it would be a mistake to underestimate the tourists.

"You never, ever start running the Aussies down and saying they will do this or that," he said. "People say their batting is a bit fragile, but there is no such thing as a poor Australian team. They will get better and better, I'm sure."

Underwood, who will be at the First Test at Lord's stressed, the importance of not being too sure about their chances. He said: "Our problem is we must not be complacent. We must be on top of it from day one and keep them at bay.

"The difference is our bowlers – we have a formidable array of bowlers and if they stay fit that can put us in the driving seat."

FOOTBALL

Stones set to expand new stadium

A YEAR after moving into their new home, Maidstone United are to spend £50,000 on improvements that will take their capacity up to 2,500.

The stadium was finished in July at a cost of £2.6m and has seen average attendances of 1,600 this season in the club's first year back in the town after 24 years of exile.

The plan is to provide cover for an extra 100 spectators at the Loucas End of the stadium, with additional refreshment and toilet facilities at the Henry Reeves and Co Stand End. There will also be a family area between the main stand and the changing rooms as well as a semi-permanent outside bar and club shop.

Maidstone United co-owner Terry Casey said: "We had a limited amount of money that we could spend, but we wanted to show we are listening to our supporters and also demonstrating that we are not going to become complacent about the extraordinary support that we have had."

Picture: ady kerry

AMBITION: Maidstone not getting complacent about their support

ROWING

Ritchie upping his game for World Cup

DAN Ritchie knows he will have to be on top of his game at the World Cup in Eton Dorney next week to keep his place among Great Britain's rowing elite.

Ritchie, from Herne Bay, and Tom Ransley from Ashford are part of the men's eight, which will be going for glory from June 21-23 at the venue used for the Olympics last summer.

While the Olympics yielded a bronze medal for Ransley, Ritchie had to watch from the sidelines with injury ruling him out.

OLYMPICS: Ritchie was injured

The duo will be among good company in their boat with Olympic men's four champions Andrew Triggs Hodge, Pete Reed and Alex Gregory.

Ritchie, who won silver at the 2010 and 2011 World Championships, knows the pressure that rowing alongside Olympians brings.

He said: "Having them in the boat, you want to raise yourself to their standard and they're obviously trying to keep you below them so that they can keep their spot.

"It's a bit of pressure, but they make you feel comfortable so that you can row to the best of your ability."

FOOTBALL

Gills aiming to regain their heartland in support drive

By Greg Miles
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THE Gills are looking to make the most of their rise back to League One by casting their net further into the county to boost support.

Last season saw some of the best attendances in recent years, with Martin Allen guiding the Gills to the League Two title. Now the club are looking to cash in and build on the support shown by fans, and also capitalise on business interest to boost their bank balance.

The new man heading the sales and marketing department at Priestfield, Paulo Kingston-Correia, wants to make Kent their heartland once again and take back supporters from clubs such as Charlton Athletic who have made it their mission in recent years to attract fans from across the border.

The 37-year-old who joined the club in April, having previously worked in the leisure and health industry, said: "Kent is a huge area and we are the only Football League club in the county.

"We are into League One now and we have an ability to expand our department. When we have not had people in place before we have focused on keeping our existing customer base happy.

"It's about taking the club in a new direction. If you look at the average attendances of the whole league we are well placed.

"Charlton Athletic had Premier League money, which enabled them to do the activities they did. They could put loss leaders in place, but every activity we do has to offer a return.

"They naturally would look at Kent as an area to move into. Their area in London has mass competition. They are a competitor to us because they are in our area – it's about us reclaiming Kent."

Kingston-Correia feels that football is still accessible even in tough economic times. He said: "Football is affected globally by what happens, but what are you going to cut – going to watch Gillingham or your gym membership?

"There is a definite lag for football being affected. If you can't attend a game, there are other avenues people can get involved through.

"We have got a lot of initiatives, but what I don't want to do is do everything at once. We want to listen to the fans.

Picture: ADY KERRY

"I think that commercial-sales-wise, there has been a smaller team in place than we would have wanted. By having those people in place, that's an area we can improve.

"We have got schools partnerships we need to look at. It's not just about focusing on Medway. Kent is our heartland – we can't ignore that.

"We will definitely be launching supporters' clubs, from junior to adult, so if you're not in the Kent area you can still feel like you're involved with rewards and benefits."

Learning from other sports is another area he is working on, and while no conversations have taken place he did not rule out setting up partnerships with other clubs.

"We need to work together, or at least have a relationship," he said. "We want to get into dialogue with other businesses and sporting arenas – it can be anything. No area is closed – there will always be something you can take note of.

"I went to the play-off final at Wembley – there were things there I took notes on. I'm going to The Oval in August for The Ashes and there will be elements there."

GILLS ADD FORMER STANLEY MIDFIELDER TO RANKS

GILLINGHAM have announced the signing of Accrington Stanley midfielder Amine Linganzi.

The 23-year-old has become the first signing this summer, arriving on a two-year deal.

Linganzi started his career with Saint-Etienne in France. He then moved to Blackburn Rovers in 2010, making two appearances in three years.

He also spent time on loan at Preston North End, where he played once.

He terminated his contract at Blackburn in January this year and signed for Accrington until the end of the season, playing 13 times.

Gillingham manager Martin Allen said: "Before his injuries, it looked like he was heading for the top, and now he is fully recovered I believe we have a player who can helps us march onwards and upwards."

■ **Gillingham will discover their opposition in the Capital One Cup next season when the draw is made on Monday.**

■ **The Gills have added a friendly against Ipswich Town to their summer schedule. It will take place at Priestfield on Tuesday, July 16.**

ATHLETICS

Gemili in relay squad

ADAM Gemili has been selected for the European Athletics Team Championships taking place in Gateshead next weekend.

The 19-year-old sprinter from Dartford is part of the 4x100m team that will be representing Great Britain, who are entering two relay squads for the event on June 22-23.

Gemili rose to fame last summer when he became the 100m World Junior Champion in Barcelona. He went on to race at the Olympics and made it to the semi-finals

CRICKET

Claydon joins on loan

KENT have taken Durham paceman Mitchell Claydon on loan.

The Australian-born 30-year-old has signed for the county on loan until July 10, after which time Kent have an option to extend the deal.

He comes in as a replacement for former Durham team-mate Mark Davies who is expected to be out for the majority of next month with an arm injury. He also teams up with former Durham batsman Ben Harmison.

SPEEDWAY

Woods leaves Kings

KENT Kings have made their second change for the season after releasing number two rider Sam Woods.

The Sittingbourne-based team have brought in 32-year-old Mark Baldock from Ashford as Woods's replacement, with co-promoter Len Silver feeling a change was needed to get some points on the board.

Baldock has experience at amateur level, riding for Lakeside Young Hammers.

MOTORSPORT

SpeedFest interest

THE inaugural American SpeedFest at Brands Hatch has been hailed a success.

The event, which included a round of the Euro-Racecar NASCAR series, attracted thousands of fans, and has been pencilled in to take place again next June 7-8.

George Silbermann, NASCAR regional and touring series vice-president, said: "We hope all our other events follow Brands Hatch's lead – this is the perfect model."

GOLF

Elite amateurs set for county fairways

SOME of the top amateur players in the world will be coming to the county next week for the Amatuer Championships at the Royal Cinque Ports and Prince's golf clubs.

The 118th staging of the event runs from June 17-22 at the two clubs and will see 288 competitors from 29 countries taking part, including several from Kent.

They are Michael Saunders from Dartford Golf Club; Darren Timms, who plays at Mid Kent Golf Club; and Knole Park Golf Club member Jerome Titlow.

Picture: ADY KERRY

TV: Highlights will be on Sky

The Amateur Champion will earn a place in this year's Open Championship at Muirfield and next year's US Open at Pinehurst in North Carolina. It is also tradition for them to play in the following year's Masters Tournament at Augusta.

The stroke-play stage is played over the first two days of competition at both courses before the field is cut to 64. The match-play stage is played over the final four days at Royal Cinque Ports. Admission and parking is free at Royal Cinque Ports and Prince's.

Highlights will be broadcast from June 20-22 on Sky Sports. For more information, visit www.RandA.com.

NON-LEAGUE TALK

Brown adds more as Dover sign striker

EBBSFLEET United have been busy in the transfer market since Steve Brown took over as boss at the start of the month.

Now under Kuwaiti ownership, the club have tied down fans' favourite keeper Preston Edwards and midfielder Tom Phipp from last season's squad.

They join Chelmsford City left-back Aiden Palmer, Dover Athletic strikers Billy Bricknell and Ben May and defender Shane Huke. Most impressive, though, is the capture of Stacy Long, who was part of the FA Trophy-winning Fleet side in 2008.

Chris Kinnear has set about rebuilding his **Dover Athletic** side, signing Chelmsford City's 26-year-old striker Michael Bakare, who bagged five goals in 14 games at the end of the season. Winger Ricky Modeste has also penned a deal to stay at the Crabble.

Margate have brought in Hastings United's 24-year-old forward Zac Attwood. Gate have also renewed the contract of Players' Player of the Year, defender John Beales.

Former Rushden & Diamonds youngster Jake Beecroft has swapped Whitstable Town for **Folkestone Invicta** in Ryman One South. **Whitstable** have brought in former Margate striker Carl Rook.

The winner of Sky One talent show Football's Next Star, Ben Greenhalgh, has signed for Scottish Premier League side Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

The 20-year-old winger won a six-month contract with Internazionale in 2010 when he won the show and went on to play for Welling United, Ebbsfleet United and, last season, Maidstone United.

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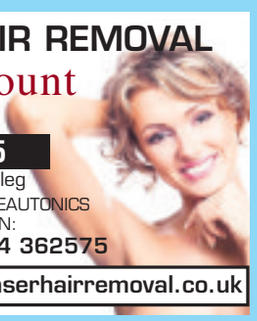

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